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NEHRU COMMENDS EMPIRE EXAMPLE

No Bitterness Left

LONDON, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter).

PANDIT NEHRU, addressing over 1,000 Indians and British sympathisers of India at a reception organised by the India League, spoke on the relationship between India and Britain and suggested that "the happy solution of our problem of India and the United Kingdom might well be tried as a good example for others and applied to other problems."

"In spite of the fact that after a long struggle for national freedom which normally leaves traces of great bitterness behind it, there is today in India, not only in the minds of Indians but also in the minds of Britishers, very little trace of that bitterness which one might expect in the circumstances," he said.

"That is a very good thing. It is something more than good. It is an example which is worthy of closer study so that we might apply it to the solution of other problems too.

"Problems are never the same and conditions are separate and different in each case. But the approach to a problem and the spirit underlying it might well be the same.

"This happy solution of our problem of India and the United Kingdom might well be tried as a good example for others and applied to other problems.

"I think it is really remarkable how this solution came about and the consequences and results arising out of it," Pandit Nehru said.

MEMORIES STILL

"Of course, it will be wrong to say that all memories of the past have been wiped off the minds of the people of India or elsewhere. They still linger; there is still some trace of them whenever some question or other comes up and it gives rise to old memories and suspicion. But the fact is, that there is so little of it.

"In the world today there are many vital problems, international peace, co-operation and the like. Each problem requires separate consideration. But whatever the complications may be, what matters most, I think, is one's approach to it.

"We had in India one great advantage—an advantage we did not perhaps profit by to the fullest extent—the great advantage of the teachings and example of Mahatma Gandhi.

"Many voices are raised today in India, directly or indirectly—indirectly for the most part—challenging that teaching and that approach to national or other problems. The fact remains, however, that the people of

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MISCHIEF ABROAD

LONDON, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter): Shouting "Down with Nehru", three Indians drove to India House this afternoon and deonstraed for five minutes. Their car carried a number of placards bearing anti-Nehru slogans.

An official of India House called the police, but by the time they arrived the Indians had gone.

Pandit Nehru, speaking later to a big gathering at an India League reception, said he had been given a pamphlet by the demonstrators and condemned the fact that Indians could so "degrade" themselves as to spread "such falsehoods".

HIS VISIT HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT

Attlee's Assessment

LONDON, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): British Prime Minister Clement Attlee declared tonight that the visit to London of Pandit Nehru was an event of "high significance".

Addressing the Lord Mayor's banquet here, which was also attended by Pandit Nehru, Mr. Attlee declared, "For many years Indian statesmen have taken a distinguished share in the deliberations of international organisations, particularly the League of Nations and the United Nations.

"But this is the first time that the Prime Minister of one of the Commonwealth countries of Asia has visited the New World.

"I think that no student of world politics would deny the significance of the ever-increasing share taken by Commonwealth countries in international responsibility.

"May I say how welcome to all of us was the election of India to a seat on the Security Council of the United Nations, and of Pakistan to the Economic and Social Council".

P.M. Spends A Busy Day

LONDON, Nov. 9 (PTI).

PANDIT NEHRU began a busy day this morning with a frank off-the-record talk with editors, columnists and feature writers of the British press, for over an hour at India House.

It is understood that Pandit Nehru explained to the press chiefs the background of the Kashmir problem at some length. Pandit Nehru is also reported to have expressed his views on other wider questions like the situation in China and Indo-China, the developments in Indonesia and the Point Four of President Truman's programme of technical assistance to backward countries in its application to India and the countries of Asia.

Soon after these talks, Pandit Nehru drove to Buckingham Palace for an audience with the King.

Pandit Nehru left Buckingham Palace 40 minutes later for Downing Street to have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Attlee.

It was again a small "family gathering" of 12, including Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Krishna Menon. After lunch, Mr. Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Affairs, called on Pandit Nehru.

Mr. D. B. Desai, Indian Ambassador in Switzerland, arrived in London this morning to meet Pandit Nehru. Mr. Tyabji, Indian Charge d'Affaires in Brussels is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

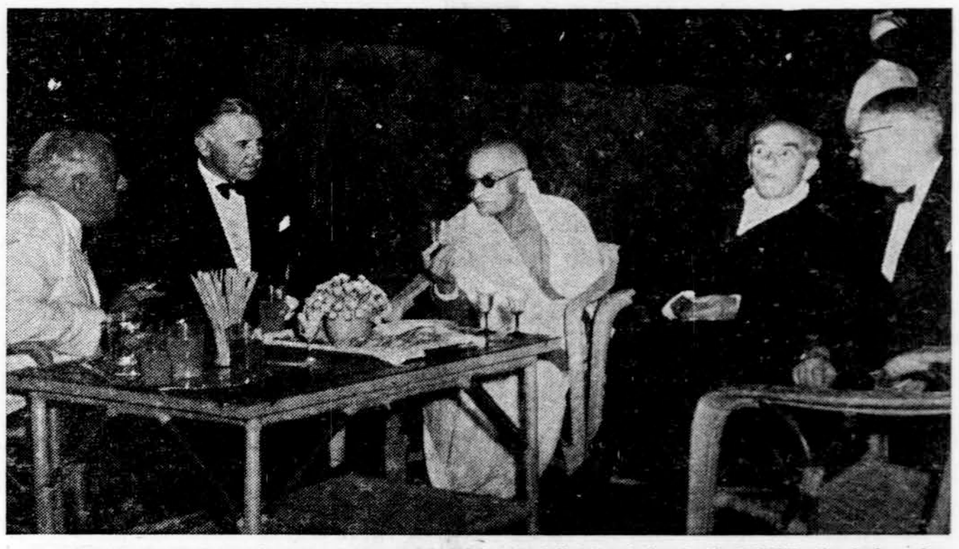
Sir N. Raghavan Pillai, who was till recently the Commissioner General for Economic Affairs in Paris, is also now in London. Sir Raghavan Pillai is expected to return to India on the same plane with Pandit Nehru on Sunday to take up his new appointment as the Secretary to the Cabinet.

Foreign Ministers Meet

PARIS, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter).—The British, French and United States Foreign Ministers met here this afternoon for the second session of their conference which was expected to take vital decisions on the future of Western Germany.

Before going to the conference room at the French Foreign Office Mr. Bevin had seen representatives of the Canadian, Australian and Indian Governments.

Soviet Envoy's Reception



To celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution in the U.S.S.R., the Ambassador of Soviet Socialist Republics gave a reception on Monday November 7 in New Delhi. H.E. the Governor-General, members of the Diplomatic Corps and other leading personalities at the Capital participated. Photo shows: H.E. the Governor-General (in centre) among the members of the Diplomatic Corps. H.E. the Belgian Ambassador is seen on his left.

ACCESSION TO INDIA SOON

Hyderabad's Future Discussed

HYDERABAD, Nov. 9 (PTI). — Hyderabad is likely to provisionally accede to the Indian Union shortly, it was learned in political circles here today. The accession, according to these circles, would be subject to ratification by the Hyderabad State Constituent Assembly when that body is elected.

V. P. MENON MEETS THE NIZAM

SECUNDERABAD, Nov. 9 (UPI).— Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to the States Ministry, had an audience with the Nizam of Hyderabad for about half an hour this morning at the Nizam's Palace. He was accompanied by Major General J. N. Chaudhari, Military Governor of Hyderabad, and Mr. Shaveklal, Secretary to the Governor-General of India.

Mr. Menon met the Nizam yesterday also, it is stated.

Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to the States Ministry, Government of India, met Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, Mr. B. Ramakrishan Rao, Mr. Janardhan Rao Desai, Mr. Digambar Rao Bindu and Dr. G. S. Melkote, all members of the State Congress Working Committee, at Shah Manzil this morning.

Major-General J. N. Chaudhury, Military Governor of Hyderabad, is reported to have been present at the meeting.

Mr. Menon, it is gathered, emphasised the need for State Congressmen to get together in the interests of Hyderabad as a whole and in order to facilitate the formation of a popular Government in the State.

H.E. the Governor-General chatting with the Soviet Ambassador.

An Air School Shuts Down

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

India's pioneer aeronautical training school at Santa Cruz airport, Bombay, run by Air-India is to be wound-up shortly following "the failure of Government to realise the facilities of such a training centre", U.P.I. learns.

Apprentices who are at present doing their ground engineering course in the school are permitted to complete their training, but no fresh entrants will be recruited.

Training facilities for pilots in Air-India also will be discontinued.

RSS CLASH IN BARODA

Three Injured

BARODA, Nov. 9 (PTI).—One policeman and two others were injured this afternoon in a clash between RSS sympathisers and a section of the public, following hostile demonstrations against Mr. M. S. Golwalkar, the RSS chief.

One RSS volunteer was taken into police custody this evening on a charge of attacking the demonstrators with metal knuckle-dusters

It is stated that a crowd of demonstrators waved black flags, threw broomsticks and shouted "Go Back Golwalkar," as Mr. Golwalkar arrived at the residence of Mr. Haribhakti Nagarseth, his host.

The demonstrators began to pelt stones at the RSS party who retaliated. A posse of armed police intervened and restored order soon.

All shops in the locality have been closed. A party of thirty armed police are guarding the house where Mr. Golwalkar is staying. The District Superintendent of Police is on the spot to take effective action against any possible further disturbances. The situation is now under control

CHICAGO, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. John L. Lewis, American miners' leader, today ordered 380,000 soft coal miners east of the Mississippi River back to work ending at least temporarily the United States 52-day-old coal strike.

Russia Blames West For Atom-Bungle

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter): Russia, supported by Poland, today again blamed Britain and the United States for failure to establish international control of atomic energy.

Speaking in the United Nations ad hoc Political Committee, M. Jacob Malik (Soviet) asked for a convention to prohobit atomic weapons and another to control atomic energy. These were first proposed in 1946.

He also alleged that in recent secret talks by the six atomic powers, Britain and the United States were responsible for the deadlock.

PARIS, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter): The Council of Europe "Little Assembly" standing committee set up by the Assembly of the Council in Strasbourg today voted unanimously for the admission of Germany to the Assembly.

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9, (P. T. I.): A consignment of 450 monkeys was shipped yesterday from the Kidderpore docks in a USA-bound cargo boat.

LARGE DEFICIT IN CIVIC BUDGET

Proposal To Increase Wheel & Water Taxes

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A DEFICIT BUDGET of Rs. 97.33 lakhs for the year 1950-51, was introduced in the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation today by Mr. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner.

Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kadar, Chairman of the Standing Committee, presided.

In his general remarks before the presentation of the budget, Mr. Patel disclosed that while the estimated normal revenue (excluding Rs. 8.43 lakhs transferred from the Post War Reconstruction Fund) was Rs. 685.73 lakhs, the estimated expenditure (exclusive of the works to be carried out from the amount transferred out of the Post War Reconstruction Fund), was 783.06 lakhs. This disclosed a huge deficit between estimated receipts and expenditure equivalent to Rs. 97.33 lakhs.

FOUR MEASURES

The Municipal Commissioner has proposed the balancing of the deficit by these four measures:—

(1) The valuation of Port Trust properties was under negotiation and has been tentatively agreed upon subject to the approval of the Port Trustees and the sanction of the Central Government. When the proposed valuation is finalised, it is estimated to yield about Rs. 47.51 lakhs for the periods between 1944 to 1949, which amount may be received next year, if not earlier. For, 1949-50 the balance receivable on the proposed valuation will be Rs. 10.32 lakhs and for 1950-51, Rs. 10.32 lakhs. The total relief expected is Rs. 68.15 lakhs.

(2) The relevant schedule of the Municipal Act with regard to the Wheel Tax has been revised. It is now proposed to levy the Wheel Tax at the maximum rate provided in the Schedule. This will result in an additional income of Rs. 12 lakhs.

(3) The Water Tax which has remained at three and three-quarter per cent so far, will now be raised by a quarter per cent, bringing in a further revenue of Rs. 3.20 lakhs. The measure is justified by the Municipal Commissioner on the ground that the Municipality is embarking on extensive schemes to improve the water supply of the City and that there is considerable disparity in Municipal receipts from water supplied by meter measurement and the receipts on account of water tax on valuation.

(4) The Municipality has taken it for granted from experience that considerable savings accrue at the end of the year out of sanctioned grants This is borne out from the experience of the budget sanctions and the actuals of 1948-49. It has been assumed in the present budget that an amount of at least Rs. 40 lakhs will not be expended during the current year and to that extent, the position of Opening Balance in Actuals will be improved. The Commissioner has also directed the heads of departments to surrender grants to this extent out of the grants in respect of the liabilities that have not been incurred so far.

OPENING BALANCE

The Municipal Commissioner expects that the Opening Balance on April 1, 1950 will be Rs. 47.61 lakhs, made up of Rs. 7.61 lakhs, the Estimated Opening Balance, plus the anticipated savings on sanctioned grants for 1949-50 being Rs. 40 lakhs: the Income at Rs. 8.25.12 lakhs, the expenditure Rs. 791.49 lakhs, leaving a Closing Balance of

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BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Estimated Income for the year 1950-51 .... Rs. 685.73 lakhs
Estimated Expenditure for the year 1950-51 Rs. 783.06 lakhs
Deficit .... Rs. 97.33 lakhs
Estimated Cash Balance on hand on April, 1, 1950 Rs. 7.61 lakhs.

Proposals for covering up the deficit and having a suitable cash balance at the beginning of the budgeted year:—

1—The proposed valuation of Port Trust properties is estimated to yield about.... Rs. 68.15 lakhs

2—Water Tax which was levied at three and three-quarter percent will now be raised by quarter percent, bringing Rs. 3.20 lakhs.

3—Raising the Wheel Tax to the maximum rate provided in the revised schedule, bringing ..... Rs. 12 lakhs

4—Anticipated savings on final sanctioned grants for 1949-50 .... Rs. 40 lakhs.

It is expected that the Wheel Tax will realise rupees three lakhs more on account of the increases in the number of vehicles in the City when the revised rate comes into force.

COLONIES 'UNRIPE' FOR LIBERTY

U. N. Rejects Soviet Proposals

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Political Committee today rejected a Soviet proposal for the granting of immediate independence to Libya. The vote was 24 to 20 with eight abstentions.

The Soviet demand for the withdrawal of foreign forces and the liquidation of all military bases in Libya within three months was also rejected. The vote on this was 31 to 11 with eleven abstentions.

The Committee voted on the Soviet proposals before deciding on the 21-nation sub-committee's proposals.

A further Soviet proposal that Eritrea should be granted independence after five years and should be administered in the meantime under direct United Nations trusteeship was defeated by 33 to six with 15 abstentions.

A similar Soviet proposal regarding Italian Somaliland was defeated by 34 to 12 with nine abstentions.

The Soviet group was poined by the Muslim states and some Latin American nations in the vote on immediate independence for Libya. India abstained.

India, Israel and Burma were among the abstentions on the Soviet proposals for Eritrea and Somaliland.

Yugoslovia voted with the Soviet Union on Libya, but voted on the opposite side on the Eritrean proposal.

The Committee decided to recommend that Libya, comprising the territories of Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan, shall be constituted an independent and sovereign state. The vote was 51 in favour, none against and seven abstentions.

26,500 Schools Now

LUCKNOW, Nov. 9, (PTI): Eleven thousand five hundred primary schools have been opened in the United Provinces so far, completing fifty per cent of the target of opening 22,000 schools in the province under a five—year education expansions plan.

The total number of students at the new schools is established to be over five lakhs.

The schools already in existence opened prior to the inauguration of the plan, are fifteen thousand.

Governor-General's Tour

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9 (PTI).—The Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, is leaving Delhi on November 26 on a week's tour of Assam and Orissa, it is learnt.

STEPS TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION COST

Central Advisory Body To Tackle Issues

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9.

MEASURES for reducing the cost of production and those for investigation into the affairs of companies in certain cases to detect and avoid abuses are two important it ems on the order paper of the Standing Committee of the Central Advisory Council meeting here on November 12.

The Banking companies Act, if it explained, has provision empowering the Reserve Bank of India to order an enquiry into the affairs of any scheduled bank. The recent disclosures have led to the Government arming itself with similar powers in respect of other joint stock companies.

Other items on the agenda include the review of production trends in industry, effect of devaluation on industrial development and production and on availability of raw materials, utilisation of scientific personnel in India, draft Indian standards institution, certification marks bill etc. As already reported, Sardar Patel will address the meeting and will also hold personal discussions at his residence with members of the Committee.

The Standing Committee meets at the instance of Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee and is expected to last for two days.

Sardar Patel is likely to review certain steps he had taken during the past few weeks in cutting down the capital outlay budget and other economy measures.

As earlier reported it is understood that Sardar Patel will make a direct appeal to the industrialists to make every possible effort to step up production and give their all-out support to the Government in its efforts to meet the present crisis.

The P.T.I. adds: It is understood that Government will revise their

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NO UNRESTRAINED CLOTH EXPORTS

Mills Asked Not To Enter Into Fresh Contracts

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has asked all textile mills in India not to enter into any fresh contracts for the sale of textiles for exports, the delivery of which is to take place beyond March 1950.

This step has been taken, writes the PTI city correspondent, to prevent a shortage of cloth in the country arising out of unrestrained exports.

The Mills have been asked to supply information regarding the existing contracts of the mills for sale for export during the months of November 1949 to March 1950. This information is to be supplied to the Textile Commissioner by the 15th of every month until March 1950.

Judging by the present increasing volume of exports of cloth it appears almost certain that the accumulated stocks of cloth will disappear in the coming two months.

GROWING DEMAND

The demand for Indian textile cloth has been increasing in many countries, including England and America, because in the world market it is the cheapest. Indian cloth dealers, faced with a cut in prices, are naturally anxious to push up exports as much as possible and escape a loss.

The Textile Commissioner's directive to the mills reflects Government's anxiety not to allow the new export drive to reach such a level as to create a situation similar to the sugar shortage recently witnessed.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the undersigned up to 3 p.m. on 15-12-49 for the construction of 56 houses and one office building at estimated cost of Rs. 3,50,000| and Rs. 10,000 respectively. Work for the construction of 40 additional houses costing about Rs. 3,00,000 will also be entrusted later. Tender documents and forms can be had from the office on payment of Rs. 5| which will not be refunded. For further particulars apply to the

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
TENDER NOTICE

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, Bombay Municipality (By order of the Municipal Commissioner) invites tenders for the supply of the following materials during the year 1950-51:—

(1) Bolts with nuts, Hex. head and Coach screws; (2) Bolts with nuts, snap head and sqr. neck; (3) Brooms, Goa and Date; (4) Brushes, Paint, etc.; (5) Brushes, Sweeping, etc.; (6) Canvas and Hessian Cloth; (7) Charcoal and Fire-wood: (8) C. I. Rainwater pipes, soil pipes, bends, etc. (9) Nails, wire, Tacks, etc (10) Nuts, Rivets and Washers; (11) Packing Asbestos and Cotton; (12) Paulin Canvas; (13) Picks and Powras; (14) Pipes, Lead; (15) Rope, Coir and Rubbing, Hand, etc.; (16) Rope, Line, Cotton and Nose Strings, etc.; (17) Nawar, Tape and Wicks; (18) Screws of sorts; (19) Shafts, wooden for picks and powras and Poles, Nowghani; (20) Drills and Hand Taps; (21) Foot Rules, Tapes, Metallic, etc.; (22) Tools, Spanners and Wrenches, etc., (23) Tools, Saws of sorts; (24) Tools, Augers, Billhooks, etc.; (25) Cloth, Oil and Rexine.

Tender forms giving full particulars and conditions, together with any other relevant information can be had from his office, at 566, DeLisle Road, Byculla, Bombay, on payment of the prescribed charges on any working day except Saturday between 10 a.m. (B. T.) and 4 p.m. (B. T.) and on Saturdays between 10 a.m. (B. T.) and 1 p.m (B. T.).

Tender forms will not be sent by V. P. P.

Tenders shall be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered together with the tender deposit at the office of the Chief Accountant, Bombay Municipality, Fort, Bombay, ON WEDNESDAY the 30th NOVEMBER 1949 not later than 1 p.m. (B. T.).

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NOTICE OF TENDER

TENDERS are invited to reach HQ Bombay Sub Area Colaba Bombay 5. NOT later than 20 NOV. 1949 from Contractors of sound financial position to run the Garrison Cinema at Deolali for a period of three years w.e.f. 1 January 1950.

The building is situated near Station HQ Deolali.

Applicants having cinema experience need only apply.

The tenderer should state the highest bid he can offer to Government for running the Cinema and the concessions he can offer to troops. The Contract will not include tea stalls, shops etc., located in the Cinema Compound for which separate Contracts will be concluded.

The successful tenderer will have to execute an agreement and furnish a cash security of Rs. 5,000/-.

The following are the conditions:—

(a) Pay the assessed rent of the building used as cinema;
(b) Pay electricity, water and conservancy charges, as assessed monthly by the M.E.S.;
(c) Insure at his own expense the cinema building and also to provide Fire Fighting appliances.;
(d) Any other conditions which may be imposed by Sub-Area, Commander, Bombay from time to time.

Any other information required in this connection may be obtained from 'Q' BRANCH HQ BOMBAY SUB AREA during the office working hours.

Acceptance of tender will rest with Commander Bombay Sub-Area who reserves the right of rejecting any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

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NO. 97 SECRETARY, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WEST BENGAL

INVITES applications on prescribed form with a treasury chalan for Rs. 5/- under the head "XXX VI-Misc. — Receipts of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal" not later than the 30th November, 1949 to fill a post of Superintendent, Pasteur Institute, Calcutta. The appointment will be made on a tenure basis of five years. Pay within the range Rs. 600-900 per month plus dearness allowance and house rent allowance of Rs. 100, if free quarters cannot be made available. Higher initial pay may be given to a suitable candidate. Private practice not allowed. QUALIFICATIONS:— A medical degree with training in Bacteriology and high academic qualifications e.g. a D.B. or D. Bact. diploma or an M.D. or M.R. C.P. (Lond. or Edin.) degree and practical experience in Bacteriological work for a period of five years; or a D.P.H. or D.T.M. diploma with ten years experience in Bacteriology; research work on the subject will be an additional qualification. Preference to a candidate with training in a Pasteur Institute: age between 35 and 50 years on the 1st November, 1949 relaxable in exceptional circumstances. Particulars obtainable a week hence from the office of the Commission, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta 27, personally or on sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. The prescribed form priced at annas two available of the Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries in West Bengal and the Secretariat Book Depot, Writers' Buildings, Calcutta. Persons residing outside West Bengal may obtain the form from the office of the Commission on sending the price in postage stamps. (6270)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to 12 noon on 21st November, 1949, for the construction of two buildings to be erected at the old Byculla Club site as detailed below:

1. A building approximately 210' x 50', consisting of a ground and two upper floors at Belasis Road; estimated cost of building (exclusive of structural steel framework) approximately Rs. 5 lacs.
2. A building approximately 235' x 40' wide, consisting of a ground and two upper floors at Club Road; estimated cost (exclusive of structural steel framework) approximately Rs. 4-1/2 lacs.

Copies of plans, specifications, tender forms, etc. can be obtained from the office of the Planning Engineer at Electric House, between the hours of 10-30 and 4-30 p. m. on any working day, on a payment of Rs. 30/- per set in each case which will not be returned. 6269

NOTICE

WANTED A MECHANIC domiciled in Bombay Province. A deserving selected candidate will be given a higher start of Rs. 100/- in the scale of Rs. 60-4-120- E.B. -5-170 plus Compensatory, House Rent and Dearness allowance admissible under the rules.

QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1) Diploma in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering of the College of Engineering Poona or other recognised institutions.
(2) Practical experience in a work-shop as a machanist for at least two years.

The age limit is 25 years but it is likely to be relaxed in a deserving case.

Applications for this post on the prescribed form (copies of which can be had on application) with testimonials of previous experience, if any, must reach the Principal, Royal Institute of Science, Bombay, on or before Tuesday the 22nd November 1949. Two annas stamped envelop with full address of the applicant should accompany enquiry. (6268)

G.I.P. RAILWAY
IMPORTANT NOTICE
RESTRICTION IN THE BOOKING OF PARCELS AND LUGGAGE

WITH EFFECT from November 15, 1949 subject to rules in force regarding acceptance of parcels, all articles except (1) All Acids (2) Bran (3) Cotton raw, loose, waste or with seed (4) Ghee (5) Grain and Pulses (6) Husk (7) Manure (8) Oil cake (9) Oils (10) Seeds (11) Vegetable Ghee and (12) Vegetable oils will be accepted as parcels in local booking only subject to the following triple limitations:

(i) The maximum weight per package shall not exceed 3 mds.
(ii) The number of packages in one consignment shall not exceed 5.
(iii) The number of consignments per consignor per day shall not exceed 5.

The articles except those mentioned above are however, accepted from Wadi Bandar parcel office in local booking only from July 15, 1949, subject to triple limitations, the maximum weight limit per package being 5 maunds.

On and from the same date i.e., from November 15, 1949, (1) Onions and (2) Potatoes will, however, be accepted freely without the above triple limitations in local booking only.

NOTE:— A detailed list of articles not accepted as parcels appear in Local Rate Advice No. 11 of 1949 (Cog.).

With effect from November 15, 1949, the following articles will be accepted as luggage subject to Rule 120(3) of Coaching Tariff Part I-A No. 4 of 1947 both in local and through booking:—

(i) Machinery samples upto 1 maund in weight carried by representatives.
(ii) Sewing machines and
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NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT
O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 1191 of 1949.

KISONDAS HARKISONDAS MODY & Anr. .....Plaintiffs.
vs.
V. S. MARIAN & Ors. Defendants.

To,
V. S. MARIAN, Esq.,

The 1st Defendant abovenamed.

WHEREAS the abovenamed Plaintiffs have filed a suit in this Court against you the abovenamed defendants praying that it may be declared that the 1st Plaintiff is the Owner of the said 143 diamonds and the said two pairs of ear-rings, that the 1st defendant may be ordered and decreed to hand over to the 1st Plaintiffs the said 62 diamonds weighing Ratis 10-5-6 and the two pairs of ear-rings or to pay to the 1st Plaintiff the value thereof, that the 2nd Defendant may be ordered and decreed to hand over to the 1st Plaintiff the 51 diamonds weighing Ratis 7-12-6 or to pay to the 1st Plaintiff the value thereof, that the 3rd Defendant may be ordered and decreed to hand over to the 1st Plaintiff the 30 diamonds weighing Ratis 4-11-6 or to pay to the 1st Plaintiff the value thereof; that the 1st Defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the 1st Plaintiff Rs. 7,210/15/- as and by way of damages for wrongful detention of the said 62 diamonds and the said two pairs of ear-rings as mentioned in para 17 of the Plaint or such other sum as this Hon'ble Court may think fit, that the 2nd Defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the 1st Plaintiff Rs. 1,945|5|- as and by way of damages for wrongful detention of 51 diamonds as mentioned in para 17 of the Plaint or such other sum as this Hon'ble Court may think fit, that the 3rd Defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the 1st Plaintiff Rs. 1,179/11/- as and by way of damages for wrongful detention of 30 diamonds as mentioned in para 17 of the Plaint or such other sum as this Hon'ble Court may think fit; that in the alternative to prayers (c) (d), (f) and (g) of the Plaint the 1st Defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the 1st Plaintiff Rs. 17,187/8/- or such other sum as this Hon'ble Court may think fit as and by way of damages as mentioned in para 18 of the Plaint that in the alternative to prayers (a) to (h) to the Plaint the 1st Defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the 1st Plaintiff the sum of Rs. 25,272/10/6 with interest thereon at 6 per cent. per annum from 10th May 1948 till judgment as mentioned in para 19 of the Plaint that pending the hearing and final disposal of this suit the Court Receiver or some other fit and proper person may be appointed to take charge of the said 143 diamonds and the said two pairs of ear-rings with all necessary powers under 0.40 Rule 1 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that pending the hearing and final disposal of this suit, each the defendants, his servants and agents may be restrained by an Order and Injunction of this Hon'ble Court from pledging, encumbering, dealing with or disposing off the said diamonds and the said two pairs of earrings in their respective possession for interim reliefs in terms of prayers (j) and (k) above, that the Defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the Plaintiffs costs of this suit and interest on Judgment at 4 per cent per annum till payment and that the Plaintiffs may have such further and other relief as the nature and circumstances of the case may require, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on the 12th day of December 1949 at eleven o'clock (S. T.) in the forenoon in person or by an Advocate (O. S.) duly instructed by an Attorney of this Court and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions to answer the abovenamed Plaintiff, and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must produce all your witnesses on that day and you are hereby required to take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence; and you will bring with you (or send by your Attorney) any document in your possession or power containing evidence relating to the merits of the Plaintiffs' case or upon which you intend to rely in support of your case.

Witness MAHOMMEDALI CURRIM CHAGLA, Esquire, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 14th day of September 1949.

A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR.
For Prothonotary and Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. R. NARAYAN, AYYAR.
Sealer.

The 14th day of September, 1949.

Messrs. DESAI & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

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EFFECTS OF DEVALUATION ON INDIA'S TRADE BALANCE

Fiscal Commission To Discuss Important Issues

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE Fiscal Commission which is meeting for the first time in Bombay for a three-day session from November 10 to 12 will consider a three point agenda dealing with important fiscal problems. United Press of India reliably learns here today.

The Commission, it is gathered, will consider on the first day of its session the notes and memoranda already submitted to the members by the Member-Secretary in respect of scope and activities of the Commission.

Informal evidence of the Governor and other officials of the Reserve Bank of India with specific reference to relevant items in the Commission's questionnaire will also be taken by the members of the Commission at its first day's sitting

The Commission will meet the President and members of the Indian Tariff Board on November 11 and 12 and take informal evidence regarding various aspects of the activities of the Board.

Mr. D. L. Majumdar, Member-Secretary, of the Fiscal Commission who arrived in Bombay last evening, stated, in an interview to the U.P.I. city correspondent, this morning that the main subjects which would come up for discussion with the officials of the Reserve Bank of India were, exchange control administration in relation to Government of India's import and export policy, balance of trade position of India prior to the devaluation, repercussions of devaluation on the trade balance of the country as well as problems connected with capital formation in the money market relating to the new scheme for rural banking envisaged by the Government of India.

PROTECTION ISSUE

The Fiscal Commission, Mr. Majumdar added, would also informally discuss with the President and members of the Tariff Board the major question of policy relating to the grant of protection to the Indian industries, while other questions dealing with various aspects of the functions and procedures of the activities of the Board and its relation to other Government departments would also be thrashed out.

The U.P.I. city correspondent understands that the question of permanency of the Indian Tariff Board which is an interim body at present, will be decided by the Government of India shortly in the light of the recommendations of the Fiscal Commission.

The Commission will return to New Delhi after its meeting in Bombay, whereafter it will undertake a tour of the various provinces of India for taking evidence from the official and non-official commercial organisations. The tour is expected to be concluded by about the end of January when it will pay another visit to Bombay for the purpose of taking evidence of the various chambers of commerce and other commercial organisations.

The draft report of the Fiscal Commission, U.P.I. learns is not expected to be prepared before March 1950

Divorce Granted To Would-Be Sadhu

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar).

Shantilal Ambalal Shah. Plaintiff.
vs.
Bai Kundan Shantilal Shah. ..... Defendant.

His Lordship granted to the plaintiff a decree for divorce under the Hindu Divorce Act on the ground of desertion.

The defendant had made up her mind to become a "sadhu" and had shown great abhorrence to married life. She did not live with the plaintiff as a wife for over four years.

Mr. H. S. Desai instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co. appeared for the plaintiff.

The defendant did not appear at the hearing.

PROFITEERING IN DRUGS

Where To Complain

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The administration of the Bombay Drugs Control Order, 1949, has been entrusted to the Prohibition and Excise Department and its Officers have been invested with the necessary powers of inspection, search, seizure, etc., under the order, says an official press note.

Any person who has a complaint to make with regard to the drugs specified in the Schedule to the Order may write to, or contact, the Superintendent of Excise, Bombay, (Old Custom House, Fort, Bombay. Telephone No. 39023), in Greater Bombay and to the Superintendent of Excise of the district concerned in the rest of the Province.

You Can Write In Regional Language

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Government of Bombay has directed that in the districts of Baroda, Mehsana, Amreli, Surat Banaskantha and Sabarkantha, the correspondence between the taluka or mahal, and sub-divisional offices on the one hand and district officers on the other should be carried on in the regional language of the district, except in matters were it is considered essential at present to make use of the English language for instance, medical, medico-legal, judicial, quasi-judicial, accounts, technical reports treasury accounts, etc. and that between district offices and other offices of district or higher levels should continue to be carried on in English.

PUBLIC SAFETY BILL PASSED

Madras Measure Against Communists

MADRAS, Nov 9 (PTI) —After a three-day debate, the Madras Assembly today passed the first reading of the Bill replacing the maintenance of Public Order Ordinance promulgated by the Governor last month.

The measure provides for preventive detention, imposition of collective fines, control of meetings and processions and of essential services.

The House adopted an official amendment restricting the life of the Bill till September 30, 1952.

The Minister for Law, Mr. Madnava Menon, speaking on the bill, averred that the bill did not envisage any curtailment of the liberty of any law-abiding citizen. He quoted several instances of "cold-blooded murder committed by Communists", and said there was nothing wrong if the Government armed themselves with the necessary powers to restrict the liberties of a "few misguided people who indulged in violence to safeguard the civil liberties of millions of peace-loving citizens."

Mr Menon said as against 1,160 detenus in the beginning of the year there were only 636 now in the province, the remaining having been released "May God help us that this number be not increased", the Minister said.

ECHO OF CALCUTTA SHOOTING INCIDENT

Charges Framed

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9 (UPI) —A Special Court today framed charges against Mrinal Kanti Chatterji, who was arrested on the evening of July 14 in connection with the shooting of a Deputy Commissioner of Police at a meeting at the Calcutta Maidan addressed by Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

The charges framed related to attempt at murder by firing three rounds from a revolver aiming at Major S. K. Moitra, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, and also for unlicensed possession of a revolver and catridges.

The accused pleaded not guilty

Further hearing of the case was adjourned till November 29.

VICE-CHANCELLOR OF BOMBAY

Justice N. H. Bhagwati Appointed

BOMBAY, Wednesday

His Excellency the Chancellor has appointed Mr. Justice N H Bhagwati to be Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University in succession to Dr P. V. Kane, whose term of office expires in the forenoon of November 10. 1949

Senapati Bapat's Birthday Celebration

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. N. M. Joshi, Dr. G. V. Deshmukh, Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, Dr. T. R. Naravane and other Maharashtra leaders in Bombay have expressed their desire to celebrate publicly the 70th Birthday of Senapati Bapat, a veteran Satyagrahi and selfless fighter for Independence, respected by all shades of political opinion.

A public meting will be held for the purpose on Saturday the 12th November, 1949, at Shivaji Park, Dadar, at 6-0 p.m. when various Institutions are requested to participate.

Those who desire to participate should send their names on or before Saturday the 12th noon at the following places:—

Amar Hind Mandal, Shastri Building Ash Lane, Dadar 14, Dr T R. Narawane, Shivaji Park, Dadar, Daily Prabhat, Khatau Wadi, Bombay 4, 'Navakal' Shenvi Wadi, Khadilkar Road, Bombay 4, Subash Seva Mandal Haji Kasam Wadi, Lalbaug, Bombay

Sarvodaya Committees In Villages

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by the Sarvodaya Committee which met at the Civil Secretariat this evening. Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister, presided

The amount is intended to be spent for organising subsidiary Sarvodaya Committees in 70 villages of Baroda and the Merged States

The Committee which has already started work in 700 villages in the Province, decided that a Provincial Sarvodaya Conference should be convened on January 21 and January 22.

More Concessions To Cloth Trade

BOMBAY Wednesday

In continuation of the General Permission issued under the Cotton Textiles (Control) Order 1948 on the 3rd November 1949 the Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has today issued a fresh General Permission enabling dealers to have in their possession or sell in unopened cases or bales till 31st December 1949 cloth or yarn packed by mills during April and May 1949, says a press note from the Textile Commissioner's office.

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CITY & SUBURBS

Today

Hindu: Kartik Vad 4, 2006.
Muslim: Mohurrum 18, 1369.
Parsi: Khordad 9, 1319.
Sunrise: 6-43 a.m. Sunset: 6-2 p.m.
Hightide: 02-32, 14-02.
Lowtide: 08-28, 20-01.

Today's Engagements

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Reception to the delegates of INA convention, at Congress House, today, 6 p.m.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Dame Katharine Watt to speak on 'Health in British Isles", at the B. E. S. T. Conference Hall, today, 5-45 p.m.

CHARITY TRUSTS: Meeting of representatives of all communities' trusts regarding refund of U. I. P. tax, at Parsi Panchayat Office, 209, Hornby Road, today, 5 p.m.

East Punjab M. B. B. S. Recognised

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Government of Bombay has recognised the M.B.B.S. degree of the University of East Punjab as a sufficient qualification for the registration of a medical practitioner under the Bombay Medical Act, 1912, says a press note.

CITY MORTALITY RATE FALLS

Weekly Health Report

The mortality 714 was 69 less than in the preceding week and the death rate recorded was 24.9 on the census population of 1941 as against 644 deaths and the death rate 22.5 for the 45th week of 1948. The death rate calculated on the actual population (27,40,933) was 13.5. The average mortality for the corresponding week of the preceding quinquennium was 680 and the death rate 23.7. Out of the total deaths, 186 were among infants under one year of age.

Cholera and Plague were absent during the week. Smallpox caused 6 attacks (including 5 cases imported one each from Bengal, Jaunpur and 3 from Arabia). There were 61 attacks (including 7 cases imported, one each from Borivli, Uran, Arnala--Dist. Thana, Bandra, Jogeshwari, Nawabpur and Khar) and 17 deaths from Typhoid fever.

Live births registered during the week were 1,259 and the birth rate was 43.9 as against 1,284 and 44.8 the births and birth rate respectively for the 45th week of 1948. The birth rate calculated on the actual population (27,40,933) comes to 23.9. The average number of births registered during the corresponding week of the quinquennium 1944-48 was 1,185.

The Pulse Of The City

BOOKED Naraindas J. Kalkini was arrested by the Police on a charge of misappropriating Rs. 17,000 and cheating his partner. It was stated that he, along with another man established a firm by name "Mansukhari and Co." at Janmabhoomi Chambers, to trade in machinery and oil engines. Naraindas is alleged to have made some entries in the account books without the knowledge of his partner whose supicions were a aroused when Naraindas failed to attend office on a certain day. A scrutiny of the account books and enquiries with other firms confirmed the partner's premonition. Naraindas was arrested by the C.I.D. and produced before a Presidency Magistrate who released him on a bail of Rs. 20,000.

DOCTOR DUPED His sympathies aroused by the piteous story narrated by the man who said his mother was seriously ill, Dr. Manilal Damodar Shah left his dispensary and followed his caller. They went in hack victoria and the person after telling the doctor that his mother was lying ill on the third floor, tarried behind on the pretence of settling the victoria fare. The doctor went up, did not find the patient or the man who called him. His suspicions were aroused. He came down and then went to his dispensary There he was told that the man had called at the place a little while ago and had taken the doctor's surgical bag, saying that the medico wanted it. There were implements in it costing fifty rupees.

SIX MONTHS Ever heard of the vanishing trick in which cheques are involved? One such cheque, drawn in favour of Manilal Chunilal and Co. on the Bank of India never reached the party concerned. The Police instituted inquiries and as a result, caught hold of a dozen people, who, they thought, were responsible for its disappearance on its way from Ahmedabad to Bombay. The case reached its culminating point when the Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, convicted Jagdish Narayan Mathur to six months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 200 on a charge of receiving and disposing of a stolen draft for Rs. 30,000. Two others Framroze J. Damanai and Manilal Kanji Patel were given a year's R. I. each and a fine of Rs. 1000 in default six more months R. I. Nine others including three postmen were discharged. The first accused was also sentenced to six months' jail for being in possession of three other stolen cheques.

ROOM MATES Calamuddin Kalamuddin living at Mission Pada Road, Bombay was poorer by two hundred rupees when two of his alleged roommates took the two hundred out of him at the point of a knife.

SURPRISE PACKET: The G.P.O. postmen did not know their prying visitor, but it was good for them that he found everything was o. k. The visitor was none other than the Honourable Minister for Communications who wanted to find out things for himself.

GONE Gold ornaments worth two hundred and fifty were found missing by Tayaballi Akberally when he came back to his house at Sandhurst Road, Tuesday. No arrests have so far been made.

MERCHANT ARRESTED: In addition to three boys, a merchant also was arrested by the C.I.D. Tuesday in connection with the theft of property worth Rs. 10,000. The boys, it is said, were seated with the victoria driver.

LATE TO OFFICE Many suburbanities sulked at wayside stations on the B.B. suburban line when the trains which pick them daily were unduly late. Reason for the delay: Breakdown the overhead wire between Byandar and Virar. Children also cried for their milk too was held up.

DISCOVERY: Police salvaged a revolver and ammunition from a jungle in Andheri. They were investigating a series of armed thefts in the suburbs and they raided a number of huts in Malgav and recovered property worth Rs. 400 from two of them while from the third they picked up 32 revolver cartridges. A suspect pointed out a pond and with the help of a diver, police recovered 500 cartridges and a 6-chambered revolver.

VALIDITY OF SUGAR CONTROL ORDER CHALLENGED

But Magistrate Releases Sakseria On Other Grounds

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, today challenged the authority of the Government of Bombay to issue the recent notification regarding the declaration of sugar stocks He said that the Sugar Control Order was "ultra vires"

Mr. Munshi who was arguing the defence case in which Kudilal Govindram Sakseria, a Bombay millionaire was charged with hoarding 296 pounds of sugar before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court further said that under a Government of India Act in 1946, power was given to the Indian Legislature to legislate in regard to foodstuffs including edible oils and oil seeds.

When the Central Government, Mr Munshi stated, issued the notification under which his client was being prosecuted, sugar was excluded from the definition of "food stuffs". In a later amendment to the Act in 1946, again sugar was excluded. No subsequent amendment had been traced. The Provincial Government, therefore, had no right to issue a notification under the power given to it by the Central Government. He argued that the Sugar Control Order was "ultra vires" of the Province of Bombay.

The Magistrate who delivered his judgment immediately after hearing Mr. Munshi's argument said that he did not want to go into the legal implications of the notification pointed out by Counsel for the defence, as there was enough evidence before him to disbelieve the charge made against the accused. The prosecution, he observed, failed to prove that Block No. 13 of Seksaria Building, Marine Drive, from where the sugar was seized, was in the occupation of the accused and therefore he acquitted him.

PROSECUTION CASE

The prosecution case against Sakseria was that on November 4, Sakseria building was raided by the Crime Branch 2 of the Bombay C.I.D. and from the two rooms on the top floor of the building 296 pounds of sugar were seized. Kudilal Sakseria was subsequently arrested.

Mr. Sakseria who pleaded not guilty to the charge stated that the rooms from where the sugar was seized were in Block No. 13 which is occupied by one of his uncles and that he (accused) himself was occupying Block No. 11. When the raiding party came, his servant told him and he asked the servant to allow the police to search the rooms. The sugar that was found in Block No. 13 was purchased sometime ago by the manager of his uncle for some ceremonial purpose, and it did not belong to him.

Two prosecution witnesses who were examined also admitted that the sugar was found in Block No. 13 and that the raiding party did not search any other room on the top floor. The police officer also stated that on inquiries he learnt that there were 17 ration card holders staying on the floor and that among them were four who were described as heads of the family.

Mr. Munshi's argument was that the prosecution failed to prove that flat No. 13 from where the sugar was seized, was in the occupation of Mr. Sakseria or that the members staying in that block belonged to one joint family. Further according to the Bombay Law Reporter (1949) the prosecution must prove 'mens rea' which it had failed to do.

The Magistrate in his judgment said that from the evidence before him it was clear that four different families under four different family heads were occuyping blocks 11, 12, and 13 on the top floor of the raided building. At the time of the raid, the occupants of Block No. 13 had gone out of Bombay and Mr. Sakseria allowed the Police to search the whole flat which had intercommunicating doors. The evidence of the police officer showed that the sugar was seized from Block No. 13 but he could not prove that, that particular block was in the occupation of Mr. Sakseria.

Furthermore, the prosecution could not also prove that the sugar seized from the floor belonged to Mr. Sakseria. He was, therefore, ordered to be discharged.

TODAY'S RADIO

THURSDAY, Nov. 10.

BOMBAY—A

244 m. (1,231 kc/s) and 31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee (G. Bhajan) 7-35 Sharir Shikshan (Physical education) 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram 7-45 S. V. Satardekar (Bhavgeeten) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Prithviraj Kapoor (Bhajan) 8-45 News (G).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s) and 41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)

12-45 p.m. Sarang Rang 12-50 Arvind Pandya (G. Ghazal) 1-0 News (G) 1-10 As in Bombay—'B' 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Rythm Ramble.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s), 31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s) from 5-0 to 7-45 p.m., 41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s) from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m.

5-0 p.m. P. A. Gokhale (Mand) 5-15 S. V. Satardekar (Bhavgeeten) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Saraswati Rane (Bhajan) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Prithviraj Kapoor (Geets) 7-30 Arvind Pandya (G. Geets) 7-45 Kamgar Sabha 8-15 News (G) 8-30 As in Bombay—'B' 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 As in Bombay —"B' 10-0 Theresa Arthaide (Beethoven programme) 10-20 Peter Helibron-Baritone (Baritone) 10-35 Silloo Panthaki-Violin (Violin).

BOMBAY—B

353 m. (850 kc/s) and 41.44 m.

7-30 a.m. As in Bombay—A 7-45 News (K) 8-0 Tarabai Gadagkar (Alaiya) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Shankar Rao Gaikwad (Shahnai).

353 m. (850 kc/s) and 31.41 m.

12-45 p.m. As in Bombay—A 12-50 News (M) 1-0 Indumati Kelkar (Khayal) 1-10 Jatya Sangeet 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Vanita Mandal.

353 m. (850 kc/s), 41.44 m. from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m., 61.98 m. (4,840 kc/s) from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m.

5-0 p.m. As in Bombay—A 5-30 Children's Half-Hour 6-0 Shankar Rao Gaikwad (Shahnai) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 As in Bombay—A 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 S. V. Satardekar (Bhavgeeten) 8-30 Khuski dal: (G) 8-45 "Sharaabnun Khoon" (Feature in Gujarati by Dhansukhlal Mehta) 9-0 Indumati Kelkar Bhajan, Marathi Pad) 9-15 P. A. Gokhale (Jayant-Malhar) 9-30 Swar Mudrika 9-45 In Parenthesis Day Dreaming Talk 10-0 Saraswati Rane (Malkaus).

BARODA

250 m. (1,200 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Deshkar on Shahanai by G. G. Gaekwad 7-40 Vyayam Shikshan (Physical jerks) 7-45 D. K. Muley (Ramkali) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Sangeet Shikshan 8-30 Geet Gunjan 8-45 News (G) 5-30 p.m Variety 6-0 News (E) 6-10 G. G. Gaekwad (Shahnai) 6-20 As in Ahmedabad 6-30 Gramjano Mate 7-0 Songs from Screen 7-15 G. G. Gaekwad (Shahnai) 7-30 Aruna P. Sonawala Patdeep Baajan) 7-45 Vanishoora: Talk in Gujarati by Chinubhai Patva (from Ahmedabad) 8-0 Jyotsna Mehta 8-10 Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Listeners requests 9-0 News (E) 9-15 As in Ahmedabad 9-30 D. K. Muley (Darbari).

AHMEDABAD

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7-30 a.m. As in Baroda 7-40 Vyayam Shikshan (from Baroda) 7-45 As in Baroda 8-0 News (E) 8-15 As in Baroda 8-30 Shantilal Raval 8-45 News (G) 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda 6-0 News (E) 6-10 As in Baroda 6-20 Garbi composition of Umashanker Joshi by Sudevi Dhru and Party 6-30 Majoor Bhaio Mate 7-0 Sudevi Dhru and Party 7-15 As in Baroda 7-30 Rakhe Bhulta 7-45 Vanishoora: Talk in Gujarati by Chinubhai Patva 8-0 Sarangi Par Sudh Kalyan Mehboob Bux 8-10 Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Shantilal Raval (Khayal Jayjayvanti) 8-45 Garbo Rang Bharo 9-0 News (E) 9-15 "Gruh Shanti", Feature by Umashanker Joshi 9-30 As in Baroda.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO B. P. C. C. PLEA

Donations For Nehru Fund

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Workers, students and merchants have responded generously to the appeal for contributions to the Nehru Diamond Jubilee Celebration Fund. The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee which issued the appeal for contributions is confident that the target would be reached by the end of this week.

The B.P.C.C. has fixed the minimum contribution at 60 pies, that is five annas, and it feels that a person in any walk of life would be able to subscribe to this fund and express his love for India's Prime Minister.

The sale of coupons has been going on for the past two days at the Congress House and about 70 other centres have been opened in the city by the B.P.C.C. for the collections. Congress workers and volunteere are putting in their best efforts to approach every citizen in pursuance of the Committee's desire to make collections "on a mass basis".

DIRECTOR OF FOOD PRODUCTION

Bombay Appointment

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In pursuance of the policy of the Government of India to make the country self-sufficient in the matter of food by the end of 1951, the Government of Bombay is striving its utmost to increase agricultural production by intensifying its Grow More Food drive. In order to coordinate, supervise and aid more effectively the work in connection with this drive being carried out in the districts, the Government has decided to create a temporary post of Director of Food Production in the Agriculture and Forests Department and to appoint Captain S. P. Mohite, at present Collector of Belgaum, to it.

Captain Mohite's headquarters will be Bombay, but he will tour extensively in the districts to co-ordinate the work and activities in connection with the Grow More Food drive and keep the Government at headquarters fully informed of the progress being made in each district.

STUDY OF "ALL-UP MAIL" SCHEME

Deputy Minister In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday: India's Deputy Communications Minister, Mr. Khurshed Lall, arrived in Bombay by air from New Delhi today.

During his three days stay in the city, Mr. Khurshed Lall will inspect General Post Office and air sorting station at the Santa Cruz airport and study the working system of the "all-up mail" scheme.

Two More Homoeopathic Centres For Polio

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Two more centres have been opened for the distribution of Dr. K. K. Bhatpia's homeopathic anti-poliomyelitis drug in north Bombay by the Divine Life Society of Bombay.

The new centres will be at Sachidanand Raman Samaj, Bhuta Nivas, King's Circle and at the Divine Life Society's Bombay Branch at 72, B.I.T. Cottages, Matunga.

THE WEATHER

POONA, Nov. 9, (PTI): Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, November 9:—

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few showers in South Malabar. Night temperatures have fallen appreciably in South-East Madras and continued markedly below normal in Deccan and in and around Central Provinces.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING:—Dry weather will continue over the country except for isolated showers in the extreme South of Peninsula. No appreciable change in night temperature is expected.

WEATHER CHART

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures, and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, from 1st October 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m. today:—

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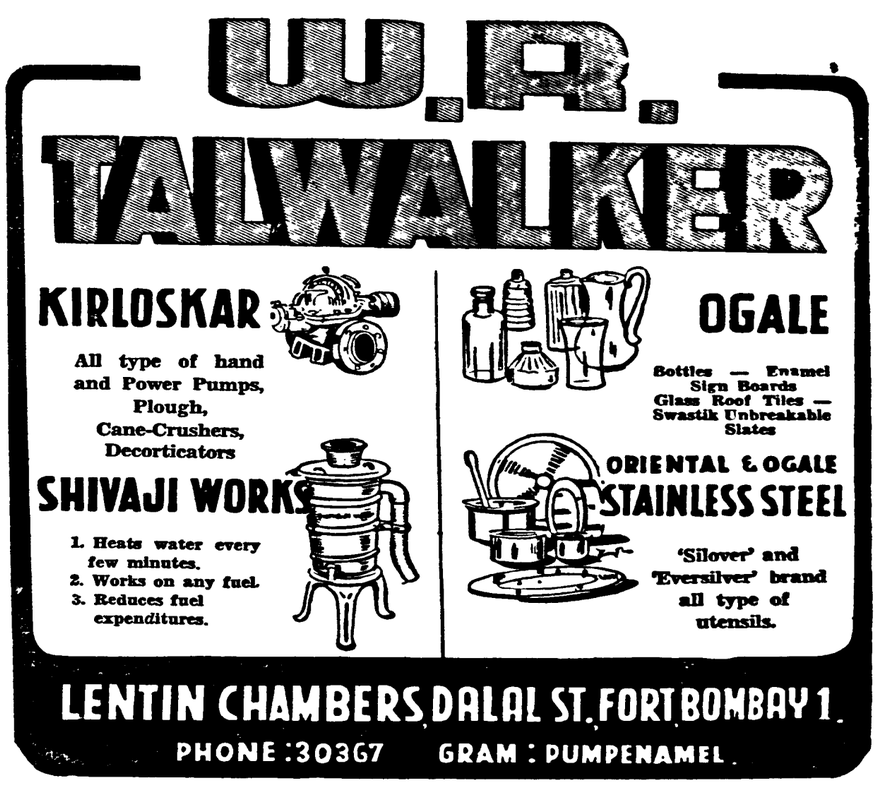
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The Bombay Chronicle

BACK TO THE ARMY

When confronted with the choice of loyalty to King or country, Captain Shah Nawaz said at the I.N.A. trial, he had chosen loyalty to country. He and his colleagues in the I.N.A. had waged war "for the liberation of motherland, according to the rules of civilised warfare". Out of the 60,000 Indian soldiers captured by the Japanese about 25,000 came under the dynamic influence of Subhas Chandra Bose to fight with arms for India's freedom. Abandoned by the British, all the bonds which tied them to the British Crown were cut. They fought a lonely battle and later a losing one, which will go down in the history of India. They may have been wrong or misguided, but they were genuinely prompted by love of their country. When the war ended they lost their all, having fought on the losing side. The foreign government even tried to snatch away the honour they had gained by branding them as war criminals and traitors. The best of legal talent and prominent leaders defended their cause they came out of the ordeal, with their armour untarnished and shining. They will be always our heroes. But what has the country done for them? Major General Bhonsle, former Chief of Staff of the Indian National Army, revealed, last week, 15,000 I.N.A. men, out of the total 22,000, were still unemployed and many of them were on the verge of despair. It is curious that while 4,000, who went to Pakistan, were reinstated in the Pakistan Army, not one I.N.A. man has been admitted to the ranks of the Indian Army. While the decision of the Army Chiefs was understandable in those days when the influence of the British was strong, one fails to understand why the men at the head of India's free Armed Forces should stand on false prestige now and close eternally the doors against these men, who are considered as heroes by the people of the country. Even Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's promise to consider the proposal to absorb at least a thousand men into the regular army, to remove the stigma attached to the I.N.A., remains unrealised. Are our relations with Britain so iron-bound that we can not vindicate the honour of men who fought for India's freedom? The I.N.A. has a right to serve the motherland the best way they know, that is, by joining the Army. We appeal to the heads of our Armed Forces to take a wider view and condone the alleged breach of army code these men may have committed. The years of hardship they have undergone is a sufficient punishment, if any was required. If the Army Chiefs are afraid that their admission may adversely affect the army discipline and morale, let them form an independent unit of these I. N. A. men, under their own officers, directly responsible to General Head Quarters. They are pleading only for a chance to prove their loyalty to India, for whose freedom they also fought under the Tri-colour. On this issue the whole country knows where lie the sympathies of our popular leaders, who are at the head of the Government today. But they have bowed to the wishes of the Chiefs of the Indian Fighting Forces. It is for these Chiefs to make a gesture, which the whole country will appreciate. They should remember that even the antagonism of rivals in war does not last long. We see today the strange spectacle of the United States, Britain and Russia bidding against each other for the friendship of their one-time enemy—Germany. The Americans are fraternising freely with the Japanese in their effort to democratise them. So is it worthwhile to be hard on the men, who are flesh of our flesh and blood of our blood?

Cottage Industries

During his visit to Nagpur, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee said something which sounded like an enigma while referring to the question of cottage industries. He emphasised the need of greater encouragement to cottage industries without impairing the progress of important large-scale industries. Encouragement to any industry implies expansion of the market, and cottage industries can expand their market only at the cost of large-scale industries. The two conditions laid down by Dr. Mookerjee were evidently contradictory, but he did not say how the Government proposed to reconcile them. Some conflict must be expected as an unavoidable consequence if encouragement was to be offered, with equal enthusiasm, to two opposing interests. In this connection, Dr. Mookerjee complacently suggested coordination of the cottage and large-scale industries. Formerly there was a talk that the two categories of industry should, in their development, be complimentary to each other. Then came a proposal for the reservation of the sphere of cottage industries, and now follows Dr. Mookerjee's suggestion for coordination. It will be interesting to know from him what he means by coordination and how he proposes to achieve it.

Competition, in the home market, between products of the industries of two categories is a peculiar feature of the industrial situation in India. No effective measure has yet been conceived to eliminate it. Competition of mill-made textiles was the major complaint of handloom weavers, but now it is reported that some arrangement satisfactory to both interests and reserving lines for the handloom industry was arrived at at a textile conference held in Bombay on Monday. Let us hope that the arrangement offers appreciable relief and not a mere consolation to the handloom industry. Since private industrial enterprise is prompted, in a large measure, by the profit motive, large-scale industries should not be expected to restrain voluntarily their prospective sphere in order to accommodate cottage industries whose products might be parallel to their own; and the Government has to encourage private enterprise in order to achieve the great ends it has in view. The Japanese model of cottage and small-scale industries is the latest development of the Government's industrial policy. The object with which it was imported should be appreciated; but if the indigenous cottage industries have to be sustained at any cost, the Government will have to make sure that none of them suffers in competition with the industries run on Japanese lines. As a matter of fact, the Japanese model should be exploited for the purpose of starting entirely new industries which might contribute to the economic progress of the country. It should not add a competition to the already complicated industrial situation.

Spanish Flies

The news item that in Madrid a group of lunchers waited till their dish of rice was "enjoyed" by flies for some twenty minutes, brings to our mind the first experience of eating in a Chinese restaurant when a waiter benignly smiling asked us if we would have "Flied rice". In his case, however, as the fact showed, it was an inability to combine the "f" and "r" sounds. The Madrid adventure was caused by sympathy for flies—misguided sympathy, shall we say? It is somewhat surprising that, whilst Bombay is considering a drive against flies, in Madrid some tender-hearted citizens have formed a Society, the "Friends of Flies", which seeks to provide the flies of Madrid with "proper" food. Presumably the Secretary Senor Ferrero consulted the beneficiaries and knows all about the likes and dislikes of flies. But we have some rather uneasy notions. Only the other day, a gentleman who ought to know, pushed away a plate of ice-cream because a fly had touched it in transit. And the explanation he gave was enough to keep us away from ice-creams and flies for life. One fly is more than enough and it is known that by persistent buzzing it can drive a number of men and women crazy. To entertain a host of flies to lunch is, we hope, beyond the endurance of Indians though they are proverbially renowned for their kindness to the insect (pest) world. It is not within our capacity to describe or even visualize the happiness on the faces of the watching "friends" as they saw the flies enjoying their feast. It is all we can do to wipe off the look of disgust on our own faces. But maybe the Spanish fly—sorry, we did not mean to bring in the blister beetle which passes by that name and invariably rouses irreverent and salacious sniggers, but the fly in Spain—is a more lovable creature than its Indian brother. If Senor Ferrero can assure us that the flies in Madrid will not feel distressed, we would ask our enterprising Mayor to strike a deal so that our flies might be sent to the friendlier homes of Madrid. We can do without them and Senor Ferrero and his friends (of flies) will be pleased to have them. Incidentally, the report says that the flies enjoyed the dish of rice for twenty minutes before the "friends" sat down to eat; is this true friendship? We should have thought that etiquette and breeding demanded that friend sits with friend to eat. Was it that reciprocal friendship from the flies was not certain or did the Senors fear that too close an association might result in several dead flies and several sick Senors? And, as a matter of gastronomical curiosity did the dish taste different to other un-fly-sat on dishes of rice?

Thought For The Day

The worst bankrupt in the world is the man who has lost his enthusiasm. Let him lose everything else but enthusiasm and he will come through again to success.

—A. W. ARNOLD.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

PRETORIA November 8: Mr. Y. M. Dadoo, leader of the Transvaal Indian Congress, was today forbidden under the Riotous Assemblies Act to hold public meetings in the principal urban areas of the Union of South Africa.

Mr. Eric Louw, Minister of Economic Affairs, speaking before the ban on Mr. Dadoo was announced, said that the Government intended to improve legislation to deal with "communists and agitators."

—PTI-Reuter

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Writing on Pandit Nehru's return to London from America, the "Manchester Guardian" says, "Pandit Nehru has become the new commonwealth" and adds that his return was "eagerly awaited" because "everybody will want to know what he thought about America and future history may partly depend on it."

The possibility is certainly there provided "everybody" concerned profits by it.

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According to PTI-Reuter a usually reliable source said in London that Mr. Attlee expressed a desire to have at least another private talk with Pandit Nehru before the latter's departure.

O. K. Let him have it.

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At a press conference in Cairo Pakistan's Ambassador at large, Nawab Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmani, said "I trust Egypt will use her influence and good offices as a member of the U. N. Security Council along with other members to ensure a speedy implementation of any solution whether mediation or arbitration for a settlement of the Kashmir dispute."

Egypt, "along with other members must note that Nawab Gurmani's instructions to them do not admit of ensuring a military withdrawal of the aggressor before mediation or arbitration.

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Officially denying a report that the Pakistan Prime Minister has postponed his visit to Moscow until next summer, a Karachi spokesman said no definite date had ever been fixed for the visit and that "it is still possible that the Prime Minister may make the visit later this month or in December."

Clear, isn't it?

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WASHINGTON, November 8: M. Andrei Vyshinsky said at a Soviet Embassy gathering last night "the enemies of freedom in the world will tremble" when the common feeling of friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union awakens. It is at present asleep, he said.—PTI-Reuter.

Wake up, Sleeper, wake up.

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Two Persian soldiers, says a Teheran report, were killed and several injured when Rusian soldiers attacked Persian frontier post last Saturday.

It is to be urgently hoped that the Persian Government immediately apologises to Moscow and offers compensation for the Persian soldiers' crime of getting killed and injured.

ATOMIC RESEARCH IN RUSSIA

Kirill Alexeev was born in Lebedy an, Russia, 40 years ago, attended the Moscow Academy of Mines and later served as Chief Engineer of the Aviation Industries in Russia. He was Commercial Attache of the Soviet Embassy in Moscow for more than two years until he fled from Mexico November 27, 1946. He is now a political refugee.

By Kirill Alexeev

NEW YORK, By Mail.

RUSSIA exploded its first atomic bomb last July in the barren wastes between Siberia and Mongolia, not far away from its No. 1 atomic factory at Tannu Tuva, the Soviet "Atomgrad". It was carried out in the fullest secrecy under the direction of MVD agents.

The Soviets now have four atomic establishments, all strategically located so that they are not only well protected geographically from air attacks in case of war but are fairly near sources of uranium supply. This minimizes the necessity of long transportation hauls, which is still a Russian problem. These sites also were selected for their proximity to great sources of electrical power, a vital need in atomic production.

In addition to the factory at Tannu Tuva, there is one at Chelabinsk, another at Taskent in Kazak and a fourth near the Armenian republic adjacent to the Caucasus and its valuable mineral deposits. The plant at Chelabinsk is located in the industrial part of the Urals, a thriving manufacturing centre. The buildings are new, modern in design, and parts of the factories are entirely under ground. Production and research is in the governing hands of the MVD, the Russian secret police. High concrete walls, carefully policed, surround all the sites.

Some 250,000 workers are busy on these projects, a majority of them political and war prisoners from Germany. There are also experimental laboratories at Leningrad, Moscow, Kharkov and Tbilisi in Georgia.

COSTLY EXPERIMENT

Production of the atomic bomb is proving very costly to Soviet Russia. In "Atomgrad" (Tannu Tuva), in March, 1948, there was a colossal explosion of an atomic laboratory, killing some 2,000 workers and destroying many technical buildings. This accident delayed the production of the atomic bomb for almost a year and a half.

Since the July explosion there has been one other—in Crimea. However, this latest bomb scarce was largely a hoax—setting off a huge stockpile of TNT that the Russians had appropriated from the Germans after the war. Just what was its intended purpose is shrouded in mystery. Obviously it was a diplomatic gesture. Some observers feel that the blast was to warn Turkey and the Balkan countries, with special emphasis on Tito, that Russia had the bomb and it might be well not to antagonize her.

Others reason its purpose was to allay any fears that the first explosion might have been an atomic one. For there were no signs of unusual radio-activity in the atmosphere after the second blast. Thus, with the world lulled into a false sense of security, it was hoped Vishinsky could figuratively drop a surprise bombshell of his own by the pronouncement in the U.N. that Russia had the bomb. However, President Truman beat him to the punch.

Though Russia has some excellent physicists under her command, it is extremely doubtful if she could have approached anywhere near her actual atomic timetable without the aid of the Soviet spy system in the United States and Canada. Every member of the Soviet Legations in all countries works unceasingly to unearth military secrets. Decorations, citations and money are the rewards. Each legation works closely with the Communist agents in each country with a cleverness and ingenuity that only years of experience could achieve. The entire setup is in actuality one vast spy ring

LEAD IN WAR

Even as far back as 1932, Russia was intent on leading the world in the ways of waging war. Peter Kapitza, noted Russian physicist and Nobel Prize winner, was then scientist at Cambridge University in England. He went to Moscow to attend a scientists' meeting, fully intending to return to Cambridge. But Stalin had other ideas and Kapitza stayed in Russia. Stalin built an expensive laboratory and gave him a free hand. Kapitza worked hard on heavy water experiments.

When news of the U.S. discovery of the atomic bomb came to Stalin's attention, he was stunned and demanded to know what Kapitza had been doing. Kapitza was on the spot, for Russia brooks no failures. He was demoted and now works not unlike a prisoner, his movements carefully watched by the secret police.

While the world in general presumed the war was ended with the surrender of Germany and Japan, it has never been over for Russia. The Soviet is still waging a military campaign in one form or another around the globe, to be climaxed, when the time is ripe for an all-out conflict. Fighting is still going on in China. India will be next. Europe is by no means neglected. To achieve his world-wide ideas of conquest, Stalin must have Europe under his domination, then Africa and South America. His objective is to surround the U.S. with Communist-dominated countries, until this nation alone is the last remaining bulwark against his aims.

KEEN ON THE BOMBS

That is the one reason Russia was determined to have the atomic bomb. She is not producing it in quantities but little by little the groundwork for mass production is being laid. At the proper time it will need only a nod from Stalin's shaggy head to start the huge assembly lines rolling.

But Russia has very few deposits of uranium ore. Stalin is sending out geological expeditions, which try the best they can (especially now) to find any new uranium deposits. If those expeditions meet with no success, then the Soviet's assembly-line production of atomic bomb will crash.

Sad as it is, the U.S. helps Russia in her geological research by selling to the Soviets geological instruments worth several hundred millions of dollars, which the U.S.S.R. asks for—and obtains—ostensibly for use in petroleum and geological research.—NANA.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Where Does It Go?

Whenever one opens one's daily newspaper, one reads some one or other expanding voluminously on the "industrial crisis" and his own particular panacea for curing India's economic ills. It is good that the Government usually turn a deaf ear to these well-intentioned, self-appointed experts, for otherwise the fate of India will be very similar to that of the donkey which happened to fall in the hands of a father and son who were very susceptible to the advice offered to them on the way-side. The latest report about the industrial situation makes one wonder whether after all the "crisis" is the creation of the fevered imagination of politicians, bureaucrats and interested industrialists? Production has been going up steadily, and for this year it has registered a substantial increase over that of last year. But is there any transport bottle-neck which offsets that advantage of increased manufacture? No. The Railway Minister recently assured the public that there are more wagons offered than actually taken. In one instance at least now the cry is that too much has been produced. Then why are we suffering from the rigours of war-time control? If more cement and steel are being produced, why should housing schemes be delayed? Money too is not in short supply, since a PTI report makes it clear that banks now have more funds than they ever had at this time of the year. We are in the position of the man who had the unfortunate experience of dying of thirst in mid-ocean.

Export Or Perish

One of the small mercies of devaluation was that we could sell our goods in the Dollar Market at competitive prices, and it was hoped that the textile trade which had been complaining that there was a glut of goods would be able to export them and make profits for themselves and get badly needed foreign exchange for the nation. But an insidious campaign has been started that, as a result of the export drive, there will be a shortage of certain varieties for sale in India and that people will suffer as a result. We daresay that people will put up with temporary difficulties if only their sacrifices are in the larger interests of the nation. Britain provides a classic example of how a nation can tighten its belt and work for the people's ultimate benefit. Most of the finer qualities of goods produced there are for export, and their slogan is "Export or Perish". Why cannot a similar campaign be started in India too? Besides cloth, many of the handicrafts of India have a market in the hard-currency areas which have not been exploited systematicaly. The products of our artisans will not only earn dollars for us, but will enhance the prestige of India abroad. In this our Embassies can perform a useful part.

A Noteworthy Statement ..

It may be that eventually it will not turn out to be of much practical value. Nevertheless the statement made by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, to newsmen at the celebration of the October Revolution at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, does deserve notice. "The enemies of freedom in the world will tremble," he said, when the common feeling of friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union awakes. It is as present asleep, he added. The fact that friendly feelings are asleep is only too true: indeed, too tragically true. But at least three things are noteworthy in M. Vyshinsky's statement. The United States is not regarded as necessarily the enemy of freedom, much less the chief and leading enemy thereof. Secondly there does exist —it is not absent but only dormant— a common feeling of friendship between the two biggest World Powers which are also, at present, the bosses respectively of the two antagonistic world blocs. And thirdly therefore, frendship between the two, one representing capitalism and bourgeois democracy, and the other Socialism and communist democracy, is neither a fundamental nor an ideological impossibility. Whether M. Andrei Vyshinsky was just in a jovial or overpolite mood, his statement may well be pursued by genuine friends of peace. At least there will be no harm in it.

Precipitating A Crisis

Sardar Santok Singh Vidyarthi, Secretary All-India Nationalist Sikh Party, has shown himself possessed of a better sense of responsibility towards the Sikhs than Master Tara Singh. The former has condemned the latter's activities as "likely to seriously affect the position of Sikhs in free India." This is a very timely and necessary condemnation because Master Tara Singh is doing his best to compromise the patriotic name of the Sikh community by demanding separatism, which will injure both Indian nationalism and the essential interests of Sikhs. Nor is Master Tara Singh content with making harmful demands. According to a Simla report he has now gone so far as to predict "large-scale trouble" in the event of his demands not being met. But this kind of prediction also almost invariably amounts to incitement to "large-scale trouble". It is bad enough in any case. In the present circumstances of East Punjab it becomes an invitation to precipitate a grave national crisis for the country.

Antidote For Laziness

Mr. S. K. Patil, the Mayor of Bombay, complains that Corporation work is in arrears; they are yet to dispose of the past six months' agenda. Mr. Patil proposes that the Corporators should sit every day till they bring down the arears substantially. We are sure that after this threat, attendance at the Corporation which has never been very large, will be thinner still. Even the few who attend do not have the haziest idea, sometimes, of what is being discussed on the floor of the House and the spectacle of one member having whispered consultations with his neighbour is not unusual. No doubt there are some who make regular speeches at regular intervals, but one begins to wonder after hearing them, whether after all silence is not golden. There is too much politics and too little civics in the Corporation, and, unless the affairs of the Corporation are managed in the way efficient business houses are managed,—that is, only when those who have the knowledge and the ability to deal with the particular subject offer to speak on it,—delay is bound to ensue. But daily sessions while no doubt weeding out the soap-box orators, might make the Corporation the preserve of people who need not work for their living or who have more leisure than they can usefully employ.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Bandra Municipal Loan

A few months ago the Government of Bombay gave sanction to the proposal of the Bandra Municipality to raise by way of Loan in open market of the sum of two-thirds of the total sum of Rupees twenty-two lakhs and odd required for the Drainage Project for Danda and Santa Cruz and Stage II of Bandra Drainage sanctioned already. Thus the Bandra Municipality is authorised to raise a total loan of Rs. Fifteen lakhs and odd spread over a period of three consecutive years. Under this authorisation, the Municipality advertised for tenders for a loan of Rupees seven lakhs. When the matter was before the last meeting of the Standing Committee which is the executive body of the Municipality, it was found that up to the last date for the receipt of tenders, namely, the 26th of October 1949 only two persons had sent their tenders and the total sum tendered is only Rs. 16,500. In spite of the fact that the Municipality offered the rate of 3 1/2 p.c. interest!

This being a matter of much significance, the public as well as the Government ought to be aware of it Some well-to-do members of the Standing Committee are already canvassing for securing the loan on a commission basis. This is really unfair.

—SHANKAR H. HATEY

In Defence Of Managing Agents

"My attention has been drawn to certain proposals reported to have been forwarded by the Government of India for eliciting comments of provincial administrations and commercial organisations for amendment of the Indian Companies' Act.

While the amendments suggested have to be carefully examined, I cannot help feeling that drastic and radical changes have been mooted at a time when the investment markets are uniformly at a low ebb and there is marked dearth of investment finance and decline in industrial activity. Already there are reports that the stock and share markets have reacted adversely. The reputation, experience, and established organisation of managing agents were never more needed than today, for, despite strong criticisms these are what have built up Indian industries The attempt to preclude managing agents from working for two or more companies conducting the same type of business will deprive these companies of many advantages which accrue to them from centralised management like common marketing organisation, technical advice, reduced overheads, etc. which individually they may not be able to afford. Investment and borrowing policies are an integral part of management and cannot be interfered with without serious detriment to the interests of the companies whom the managing agents seek to serve. Further, the provision that from time to time the Central Government may declare specified industries or companies as being not amenable to the Managing Agency System, would hang as a perpetual uncertainty over their heads, depressing incentives to efficient and progressive management.

The introduction of the principle of weighted democracy into company affairs, though apparently attractive, by representation of the minority block of members through representatives separately elected by them and the inducement given to any disgruntled person or persons to appeal to the Government with hopes of instituting proceedings before a court of enquiry, will not be conducive to either stability of efficiency in the conduct of affairs. Concurrent with the assumption of large inquisitorial powers, the proposals also contemplate penalising individuals who execute policies that may sometimes be proved wrong by results. Those who are aware of the manner in which companies in promotion and growth draw both prestige and trust from the association of known directors would certainly agree that proposals of this kind would deter efficient and proved men from joining directorates of new ventures. Similarly, the suggestion that companies should be debarred from appointment as Managing Agents would only mean that many industrial and business concerns would lose the advantage of continuity in policy and resultant efficiency in administration which company management has given so far

The powers proposed to be taken by the Government are so comprehensive and far-reaching that they will deter the entrepreneur from taking and bearing risks so essential for the growth of our economy. I feel, therefore, that on the whole the proposals are ill-timed and far from being conducive to revival of investment and industrial activity when our prime need is more industrialisation by all means."

—K. M. NAIK.
President, Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Farm Produce Prices

For the last eleven years I am enjoying the opportunity of contacting peasants of Bhal-Nalkantha tract of Ahmedabad District, while working among them through various organisations.

The recent announcement of imminent cuts in the purchase prices of cereals have created grave concern among peasants and village workers. Without exception, all villagers I came across fail to understand the meaning and benefit of such an action. Consistently adopting as we do the policy of co-operation with the Government, we workers find ourselves at bay when asked to explain the principles underlying such an action.

Will the popular Government and its supporters of these steps accept it as their duty to explain what principles beneficial to the basic village population of India govern this policy? That will everywhere help village social workers, who are usually described as the backbone of real national progress.

Again it is expected that the Government would have with them an ascertained basis of the cost of production of cereals plus a legitimate income of the peasant as in the case of big industries such as textile, sugar etc., that is being taken into account while fixing or reducing the prices It is felt that the details of that basis should be published for public knowledge and scrutiny.

—SANTABAL
Goondi.

People Want It

The Prohibition—antagonists are trying to take advantage of the situation arising out of the Government's economy drive! They advice the Government that they should revise their prohibition policy. But I for one feel that if the progress made by prohibition in comparison with other schemes is taken into consideration one will find it unwise to slow down the scheme at this stage. The argument that the Provincial Ministers are forfeiting the respect and affection of the people by their policy in connection with Prohibition has no value. If one tries to get acquainted with the public opinion, one will find that the majority of the people want Prohibition and that too total Prohibition. They have realised the dangers they have to face on account of drink and they want this evil to be eradicated as early as possible.

The 'fourth Estate' is supposed to be the voice of the people that gives expression to their expectations, achievements, difficulties and grievances. If we probe into the trend of the press we will find that the press representing the majority of people has always been supporting the Government in the cause of Prohibition. Only a particular interested section of the press has been raising hue and cry against the Prohibition policy. But any democratic Government is expected to aim at the greatest good of the greatest number and hence the Government policy in connection with Prohibition has every right and justification to be continued, supported and carried out.

—S. M. PADUKONE.

Why Exempt Soldiers?

It is a surprising suggestion that the Prohibition Regulations should be relaxed in the case of soldiers. What is the propriety of this suggestion? Can anybody say that drink affects differently a soldier and an ordinary man. A number of great personalities in the field of medical science have categorically and emphatically stated that alcohol is not required by body and that people are much better and healthier without it. It has also been repeatedly proved that soldiers can bear the strain of war very much better when no alcohol is given to them. If so, where is the necessity of giving any concessions to the soldiers?

If Prohibition is to be made a complete success the regulations must be applied to all without any discrimination or special favour. Once concessions are granted there is every possibility of the same deteriorating into underhand dealings and this will affect the essence of the Prohibition policy.

Is it not justifiable in present circumstances and in the light of Indian culture and tradition to expect the Indian soldiers themselves to take an initiative in the task of making Prohibition a complete success. The so-called soldiers' demand is being exploited by the Prohibition-antagonists. The soldiers will do a great national service by disproving the charge that they are not able to go without drink.

—T. R. PALSULE.

Controls And Vested Interests

It has been often proved that the controls of all kinds have aggravated instead of lessening the hardships of the poor and middle class and added to the hardships. The control of sugar is the latest fertile invention of the control branch. It is now crystal clear that with the controls the prices are soaring high and the traders are financially benefited a great deal at the cost of the poor people. Every time the controls have proved an utter failure as a means to remove the hardships of the people. Without any harm it can be presumed that there lies a serious defect in the whole control machinery. All the calculations and efforts have only resulted into increasing the hardships of the people in general.

Is it not, then, wise to remove all these controls simultaneously and allow free trade in the whole country for all commodities to find their uniform market level? The law of supply and demand will bring them to a level Will the people's government do it for the benefit of the masses?

People are now fed up with the controls and now earnestly desire that controls must go, come what may

The Government as a precaution, I believe, should have all import and export trade managed by the state, that there may be no shortage of our own products and the responsibility for the hardships may not be tossed from one shoulder to the other—from the government to the merchants and vice versa.

—SHANTILAL V. PARIKH.

PORT TRUST AND ROYAL INDIAN NAVY SHARE SIX GOALS

Enterprising Hockey At Cooperage In Senior League

MIRANDA'S BRILLIANT THREE GOALS FOR NAVY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Quite a relief from the monotonous type of hockey served up during the last few days was felt this evening at the Cooperage when Bombay Port Trust "A" and Royal Indian Navy "A" shared six goals. It was a tent of thrills and hard-hitting. Both teams shared an equal amount of the exchanges, but the B.P.T. side did well considering that this is their first outing of the season.

The R.I.N. team were concentrating on their inners and the half dealt mainly with feeding the inner trio, who made many fine moves, which troubled the opponents defence. Rego invariably having to cover both flanks. Quinn and F. Fernandes in the intermediate line also worked hard. Idris was prominent in the Navy attack.

Correa and T. Fernandes were playing an inspired game and it was mainly due to the R.I.N. defence that their efforts were foiled. Rozario at right extreme sent across some goal-mouth centres which failed to materialize.

THE GAME IN DETAIL

The Navy got moving from the commencement and resorted to hard hitting tactics. Idris soon enticed the semi-circle and took a shot at goal but Rego stopped what looked like a certain goal. A short corner soon followed and a rising shot by Miranda proved of no avail, but Miranda sent in a half hearted shot after a fine piece of passing from the left flank to the centre forward and back to the left inner. R.I.N. were one goal up in the fifth minute of play.

The Port Trust had a glorious chance of equalizing when Rozario, their right outer failed to scoop the ball into goal from close in. The Navy then attacked and Miranda should have scored after beating the defenders with a reverse flick, but failed. Settling down the Port Trust were rewarded in the eighteenth minute when Pat Correa took a full blooded shot at goal from the top of the half circle to restore equality.

Eight minutes later Rozario accepted a fine pass from T. Fernandes, ran down the right flank and pushed the ball past Raval, the goalkeeper to give B.P.T. the lead which they maintained till half time.

NAVY RESTORE EQUALITY

The Navy, however, restored par in the twelveth minute after the breather when Miranda scooped the ball in after Idris had failed to capitalize the goalies miss. The score was two all.

But, B.P.T. soon forged ahead once again with a much talked about goal. Pat Correa in a brilliant solo effort ran into the semi-circle and from the top of it sent in a drive which Rawal the R.I.N. goalie let pass as he thought that the shot was taken from outside the circle. With time drawing to an end and the score 3-2 in favour of the Dock workers, the Navy men tried hard to save the match and nearly came even to within winning range.

MIRANDA'S THREE GOALS

Towards the close of play Miranda scored his side's third goal, off a pass from the inside left, with a brilliant shot from the top of the arc. The Trust goalie put his pad out to save but it was too late. Both sides shared points.

The teams:

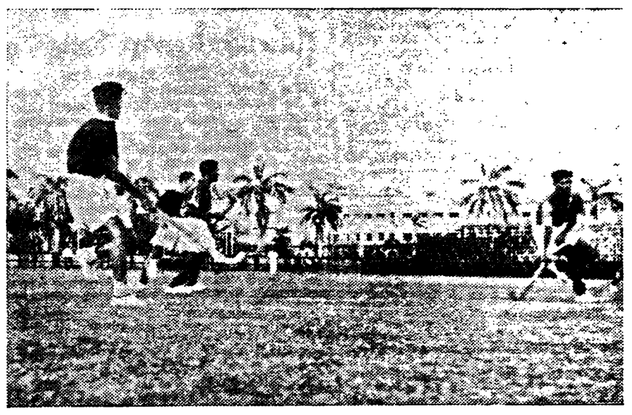
BOMBAY PORT TRUST "A": Crasto; A. D'Souza, J. Rego; O. Fernandes, E. Quinn, R. Fernandes; Rozario, P. Correa, T. Fernandes, P. Joseph, L. D'Souza.

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY "A": Rawal; Powell, Duckworth; Rodriguez, Subramaniam, Sinham; Lal, D'Souza, Idris, Miranda, Noronha.

Umpires: Abraham and Arnold Pearce.

FIRST DIVISION MATCH

Earlier, Catholic Gymkhana and B. B. and C. I. Railway "B" were concerned in a goalless draw in the first division of B.P.H.A. League.



T. Fernandes, the Port Trust centre-forward, making an attempt to score in the match between the R.I.N. and the Port Trust which ended in a draw, each side scoring three goals. The Navy defenders are seen looking on helplessly.

Bombay North Badminton

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the only keenly contested encounter, G. R. Chandran and Miss Rajadyaksha eliminated D. D. Parulkar and Miss Patange in the Mixed Doubles after receiving stiff opposition in the first set which they won over the extra points in the Open North Bombay Badminton Tournament at the Dadar Parsi Colony Gymkhana this evening.

There were altogether seven matches due to be played but the non-appearance of several of the opposing partners resulted in the matches being postponed.

The only seeded pair to be seen in action was V. P. Kapadia and Miss Dastoor who did not experience much difficulty in accounting for F. H. Kerawala and Miss G. Tarapore. The scores being 15-6, 15-7.

The following were the results:

MIXED DOUBLES: G. R. Chandran and Miss Rajadyaksha beat D. D. Purulkar and Partner 17-14, 1-10; H.K. Talyarkhan and Miss Oak beat W. J. Franklin and Mrs. Pradhan 15-3, 15-7; S S Parulkar and Miss Pradhan beat M. Pereira and Mrs. Thatte 15-9, 15-5 V. P Kapadia and Miss Dastoor beat F. H. Kerawala and Miss G. Tarapore 15-6, 15-7.

The following are the fixtures for Thursday:

6-30 P.M. Men's Doubles S. S. Parluekar and C. B. Kalappa v/s H. K. Bhabba and H. R. Umrigar.

7-00 P.M. H. K. Talyarkhan and Partner v/s E. M. Ferandes and M. M. Pereira.

7-30 P.M. A. R. Kavarana and R. F. Soonawala v/s T. P. R. Murthy and T. P. S. Mani.

8-00 P.M. D. S. Kumble and K. K. Sachdev v/s R. Rangchari and S. G. Damle.

At 7-00 P.M. the draw for the Ladies Singles and Ladies Doubles will take place.

National Badminton Tournament

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9 (PTI).

The Fourteenth All-India and the Fifth Inter-Provincial Badminton Championships will be staged in Calcutta from December 1 to 18 next.

The Honorary Secretary of the Bengal Badminton Association, Mr. C. B. Chatterjee, announcing this said that George Lewis and G. Hemmady (Bombay), Captain and member respectively of the last Thomas Cup India team, and other top-ranking Indian players were expected to take part in the championships. Bombay, the United Provinces, East Punjab, Indore, Madras and Maharashtra had already intimated their intention to compete in the championships and Orissa, Hyderabad and Rajputana were expected to follow suit, he added.

The Ninth Annual Bengal Provincial Championships will commence earlier on November 22.

C. P. And Berar Badminton Championships

(By Our Correspondent)

BOMBAY Wednesday.

The C. P. & Berar Badminton Championships will commence at the Gun Carriage Factory Club, Jubbulpore from November 12th. The last day for sending entries has been fixed as November 11th. Players who will be participating in this tournament will be selected from the All India Badminton Championships to be held in Calcutta next month.

BOMBAY COLLEGIATE CRICKET

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament will commence on 14th November and the following is the draw:

Ruia bye vs. V.J.T.I. bye; National Medical bye vs. Wilson bye; Ismail bye, vs. G.M.C. bye; Podar bye; National vs. St. Xavier's; Sidhharth bye vs. Sydenham bye; Veterinary bye vs. Jai Hind; G.S.M. bye vs. Khalsa bye; Bhavan's bye vs. E. C. & R. I. Sc bye;

BARNA AND BERGMAN WILL PLAY IN BOMBAY

All India Federation Accepts B. P. T. T. A. Terms

BOMBAY, Nov. 9 (PTI).

Victor Barna and Richard Bergman, the British table tennis stars, and Mrs. Barna, now touring India, will be seen in action in Bombay for five days from November 23.

They will play exhibition matches against local players on the first four days and the Third Unofficial "Test" between England and India will be staged on the last day of their visit, November 27. All the matches will be played at the Bombay Gymkhana.

At first it was considered doubtful whether the British stars would be seen in Bombay as the Bombay Provincial Table Tennis Association were not willing to pay a minimum guarantee of Rs. 4,000 demanded by the All-India Table Tennis Federation. But now that the All-India body having accepted the Bombay Association's offer of Rs. 2,500 as minimum guarantee, the Executive Committee of the Bombay Association, which held an urgent meeting today, decided to stage the matches here.

NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

To Be Held At Calcutta Next Month

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9. (PTI).

The Secretary of All-India Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. T. S. Kakko, announces that the Executive Committee of the A. I. L. T. A. at its meeting at Allahabad held on October 24 and 25, decided to hold the National Championships of India at Allahabad from January 2 to 8, next year.

This is the first time that National Championships are being held outside Calcutta. This change of venue was, it is learnt, considered necessary in view of the fact that the International Lawn Tennis Championships of Asia would be held in Calcutta from December 22 to January 1.

TARAPOREWALA CUP WON BY ST. MARY'S

POONA, Nov. 9.

St. Mary's Sports Club won the Taraporevala Cup Football Tournament organised by the Poona District Football Association, by defeating Catholic Youth Union by one goal to nil.

Mr. V. G. Kanitkar, District Superintendent of Police gave away the prizes.

Ahmedabad Hockey Players For Bombay

AHMEDABAD, Nov. 7.

Three Hockey players from Gujarat College will represent Ahmedabad Group in the Bombay 'Varsity Hockey trials to be held in Bombay on 11, 12 and 13 November. These three players are Walter D'Souza. Anu B. Tewary and Keki Mody.

Walter D'Souza, who is also a Ranji Trophy player is one of the best Hockey players of Gujarat. Mr. Anu Tewary skipper of Gujarat College Hockey Team, too is a good player who has many times lead his team to victory. While Keki Mody the superb goal keeper has been so often awarded medals for his brilliant goal keeping.

The players will leave Ahmedabad for Bombay by Gujarat Mail on 8th November.

Pakistan Footballers Lose In Rangoon

RANGOON, Nov. 9. (PTI-Reuter): Jinnah Gymkhana Club footballers from Pakistan who are to tour in Ceylon later this month, were beaten by three clear goals by a Burmese Eleven here today when heavy rain affected play.

This was the final match of the rubber between the two sides. Burma led by a single Goal at halftime and the second half was played in torrential rain which was a big handicap to the Pakistan team accustomed as they are to dry conditions. As a result Burma dominated play and scored twice during this period.

Pakistan may play a special match in aid of the Burma Government's Peace Fund before their departure for Ceylon.

JOE DAVIS MAKES VICTORY CERTAIN

"News Of The World" Snooker Tournament

LONDON, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Joe Davis gained a winning margin over John Pulman during the afternoon session of the final day's play of their match in the "News of the World" £ 1,500 Snooker Tournament at Leicester Square Hall London today.

Davs who started the day leading 14—10, won five of the afternoon frames to Pulman's one and led by 19 frames to 11 at the interval.

Scores were: (Davis first) 87—57; 97—54; 53—78; 82—43; 117—31; 91—57.

Harold Lee In Final Of Qualifying Round

LONDON, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Herbert Holt, who was eight frames behind Sydney Lee in the World Professional Snooker Championship qualifying match, scratched today because of influenza.

Lee now has a walkover into the final of the qualifying section where he meets Kingsley Kennerley.

DAVID STEWART ESTABLISHES 25 YARDS FREESTYLE RECORD

Ajgaonker Impresses In Diving Championships

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Only one meet record was broken this evening when the third day's programme of heats for the Eleventh Annual Swimming Gala of the Cricket Club of India was gone through. To David Stewart goes the credit of lowering the same. Rajaram Sawoo one of the foremost swimmers in the country today was seen for the first time this evening, and in the only item he entered he won his heat very comfortably.

Although the timing of the heat that was won by Isaac Mabsoor shows an improvement on that by Rajaram Sawoo, the latter was swimming very smoothly and gracefully.

Rajaram today swam the 100 yards freestyle open championship for the western India, and returned a slow timing of 60.4 seconds, where Isaac Mabsoor did the same distance in 56.5 seconds.

Two finals were decided this evening—the 25 yards freestyle for Boys under 10, and 25 yards breaststroke for girls under 10—and the former was won by David Stewart who improved his own timing that he had made in the heats earlier.

There was a mild surprise in wait for the Committee, when the judge's decision in placing the second boy in the 25 yards freestyle for Boys under 10, was questioned by the mother of the boy who finished third. It was argued by many that there was a genuine mistake, but after full inquiry it was found that the judges refused to alter their earlier verdict, and the placings were unaffected.

The following were the results:

100 Yards Freestyle Championship of Western India Open for Men

1st Heat: I. Mansoor 1 K. Thanawalle 2. C. Jhangiani 3. Time: 56.5 seconds.

2nd Heat: Rajaram Sawoo 1. David Sophar 2. A. Joshi 3. Time: 60.4 seconds.

I. Mansoor, Rajaram Sawoo, K. Thanawalla and David Sophar qualify for the final.

100 Yards Breaststroke Championship of Western India Open for Women

1st. Heat: Miss Dolly Nazir 1. Miss Vidya Kolge 2. Miss Usha Merchant. Time: 1 minute 27.2 seconds.

2nd Heat: Miss Nirmala Merchant 1. Miss Pravina Shroff 2. Miss Vicki Braganza 3. Time: I min. 43.9 seconds.

Miss Dolly Nazir, Miss Nirmala Merchant, Miss Vidya Kolge and Miss Pravina Shroff qualify for the final.

25 YARDS FREESTYLE BOYS (UNDER 10) FINALS

David Stewart 1. B. Anderson 2.5 S. Natraja 3. Time: 18.3 seconds (NEW MEET RECORD)

200 Yards Breaststroke Championship of Western India Open for Men

1st. Heat. A. S. Bharucha 1. J. Jhabwalla 2. L. Kotadia 3. Time: 2 minutes 53 seconds.

2nd Heat: K. Wadia 1. J. S. Bharucha 2. H. Daruwalla 3. Time: 3 minutes 4.4 seconds.

3rd Heat: J. J. Naigaumwalla 1. K. P. Thakkar 2. R. D. Kapoor. Time: 2 min. 46.5 secs

A. S., Bharucha, K. Wadia, J. J. Naigaumwalla and J. Jhabwalla qualify for the final.

25 YARDS BREASTSTROKE GIRLS (Under 10) FINALS

Amenda Hoskyns-Abrahall 1. Wendy Moss 2. Jyoti Palicha 3. Time: 21.8 seconds.

Plain Diving Championship of Western India Open for Men

The following six qualify for the final: R. B. Ajgaonkar (79.2 pts.). R. Nanavati (67 pts.), K. P. Thakkar (66.4 pts.), Isaac Mansoor (64 45 pts) G. Dorsett (63 6 pts) and J. W. Smith (61.72 pts.)

PROGRAMME FOR THURSDAY

5-30 p.m. onwards Heats of:—100 Yads Backstroke Open (Men), 75 Yards Medley Open (one length each Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle) for Men. 25 Yards Breaststroke Boys (under 10) FINALS. 100 Yards Backstroke for Boys (under 16), 75 Yards Medley Open (one length each, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle) for women and 50 Yards Freestyle for Girls (under 12) FINALS.

Barna & Bergmann To Play At Bandra Gym.

(By Our Table Tennis Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

With the Barna Bergmann visit to the city an accomplished fact in view of the All-India body accepting B.P.T.T.A.'s offer, arrangements are being made to arrange the programme for the five days of exhibition matches that the world champions will be playing in Bombay. It has been very reliably learnt that one of these five days will definitely be allotted to Bandra Gymkhana in order to facilitate the suburban followers of the game to witness the masters at play without much inconvenience being caused them.

Table Tennis In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9 (PTI).

Richard Bergmann retained his unbeaten record in singles of his present tour when he defeated five local players including the national champion Chandarana in a series of exhibition matches tonight. There was practically little opposition to the former world champion who exceeded in half volleys, backhand pushes, cide-spins, drops and forehand drives.

Victor barna, the "star", is reported to be progressing well at the Nursing Home, where he is laid up with an attack of dysentery. He is expected to be passed "fit" for play by Friday next.

Uttam Chandrana was the only player who could put up a show against the visitor (but Bergmann put Chandarana repeatedly in an awkward position with his elusive retrievers and halfvolley drives to win the 1st game 21-9. In the second game, points were scored alternately till 16-all when the former world champion gained a firm grip over the game and won 21—19.

In the second annual East India Table Tennis Championships meeting which commenced here tonight, 14 first round matches were played.

Following are the results of the exhibition matches:—

R. Bergmann beat J. Dey 21-6 21-6 R. Bergmann beat T. B. Kitchlu 21-7 21-14 R. Bermann beat S. Sahay 21-11 21-5; R. Bergmann beat U. M. Chandrana 21-9 21-19; Chandrana and Bhandari beat Bergmann and M. Halder 21-15 21-19.

Following are the results of the East India Men's Singles Championships:—

Sailen Sen beat A. Anantaraman 21-17 21-12 23-21; G. Hemedy beat A. Shirazee 19-21 21-18 21-15 21-15; A. Guha beat R. K. Santra 21-12 21-10 21-10; Ashit Gupta beat G. M. Butt 21-15 17-21 21-15 21-19.

A. H. Khan beat S. Sarkar 21-17 20-22 17-21 21-10 21-13; R. Dey beat E. Samuel 21-17 21-19 21-17; H. Naem beat S. S. Khemka 21-13 21-14 23-31; Capt. A. Sircar W. O. M. L. Burman, R. L. Mantri W.O.R. K. Poddar; T. A. S. Vel W.O.A. Bawaldi; Santi Sahay beat M. K. Banerjee 21-14 21-8 21-15; N. Deb beat K. C. Poddar 21-11 21-13 21-14; A. Heirle beat A. Mazumdar 21-8 21-19 21-18; Kamal Banerji beat S. Gupta 21-10 21-16 21-18.

Results of Wednesday's exhibition match:—

R. Bergmann beat a Khetree 21-17 (Bergmann pleyed sitting on a chair)

Amarnath's Leg Injury Keeps Him Out Of First "Test"

UDAY MERCHANT LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN HIS PLACE

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9.

Lala Amarnath, the former Indian Test Captain who was included in the Indian Team to play in the First Test against the Commonwealth Team, has expressed inability to play in the match which begins here on November 11.

In a letter to Vijay Merchant, the Indian team Captain, Amarnath said that it would be impossible for him to play because of a leg injury which he sustained during the match between the tourists and North Zone at Patiala. He had kept himself under the best medical treatment in order to be fit for the First Test and felt almost fit when he left Patiala, but he strained his foot this morning once again when he tried to practise. He was far from cent per cent fit."

"I am quite prepared to turn up at the nets and leave the decision of my playing or not to you or any doctor appointed by the Board," he said and added: "I am extremely keen to play for India under you and yet in the interest of India I should hate to take the field when I personally feel that I cannot do justice either to you or to me or to India."

Vijay Merchant declined to comment on the letter when approached by P.T.I. this morning.

It is learnt that in case it is finally decided that Amarnath is not to play, Uday Merchant, twelfth man, will fill in the gap. Ghulam Ahmed, one of the reserves, has not so far arrived at Delhi, due to indisposition.

All the other members of the Indian Test team had two hour net practice this morning and every one appeared to be quite fit and keen.

The Commonwealth players went to Agra last night to visit the Taj Mahal and returned to Delhi early this morning. They will have their net practice in the afternoon.

The Delhi Cricket Association will be at home to the Indian and Commonwealth cricketers tomorrow.

Ministers To Attend First "Test"

NEW DELHI, Nov. (PTI):

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister, Works, Mines and Power and President of the Delhi Cricket Association will entertain tomorrow the Indian and Commonwealth Cricket teams.

On Friday (Nov. 11) when the first "test" match begins Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister is expected to be present. He will be introduced to both the teams before the commencement of the match.

Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari is also expected to attend the match.

ICE-HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Many European Countries Certain To Participate

LONDON, Nov. 8, (PTI-Reuter): Another three months remain before entries for the World and European Ice-Hockey Championships close. The matches take place during March, in London, where three rinks Wembley, Earl's Court and Harringay will be used.

Britain are certain starters this year although they will have some difficulty in getting together a qualified team with the chance of doing well.

United States and Canada can be regarded as other certainties and it is expected that Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Sweden, Australia, Belgium, Holland, France L. Italy, Norway, Finland and Poland will also have teams engaged.

Their eyes will mainly be on the European title for there is, at this stage, a general belief that Canada on the United States will win the world Crown.

There could well be a surprise, however, as in the past and the system of playing off for the championship may well leave the issue in abeyance until the final game.

Preliminary pools, as in Stockholm last year, will be played and the leading terms in each quality for a final pool. The winners of this will be world champions and if this should not be Canada or the United States they will also be European title holders.

In the event of one of the Transatlantic teams heading the final pool the Epropean Crown will go to the leading team from European countries.

The opening ceremony for the championships takes place on March 13 and the final game will be played on March 22.

U. S. SOCCER CLAIMS FIFTEEN LIVES

LOS ANGELES, Nov 9 (PTI-Reuter).

American Football has so far this season claimed the lives of 15 players according to Doctor Lloyd Astwood who gave the figures in his annual mid-season report.

Astwood Professor at Los Angeles State College is chairman of the injury and fatality committee of the American Football Coaches Association.

He said that seven of the 15 deaths were attributed to head injuries and could have been prevented had the players been equipped with "adequate headgears."

Three of the deaths were indirectly caused by Football while twelve were direct results of football injuries.

Fatalities included one college player five in high school three in professional and semi-professional games and six in unsupervised play.

Soccer Festival In 1950

GLASGOW, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter).

A festival of soccer, in which continental teams will be invited to participate, is to be arranged by the Football Association as part of the festival of Britain in 1951.

The Football Associations of Scotland, Ireland and Wales have been asked to support the plan, and preliminary discussions of the four bodies were held today prior to the International between Scotland and Wales.

It is proposed to extend the 1950-51 season for two weeks in May in order that international matches between England and overseas countries can be played.

These fixtures would take the place of the usual close season tour abroad by a Football Association side. After the international programme of games has been completed the Football Association hope that league teams may play against continental clubs.

It is expected that many of those clubs who have entertained British sides abroad will be invited to take part in the festival.

Famous British Rugby International Dead

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 9. (PTI-Reuter).

W. B. Holmes, England International Rugby Union fullback, has died in Salta, Argentina, from typhoid.

Holmes, former Cambridge blue, took up residence in Salta only a week ago with his wife, whom he married last year.

Born in Argentina, Holmes was in combined Oxford and Cambridge side which toured Argentina last year. This season he played for Argentina against the French touring fifteen.

During his residence at Cambridge he played against Oxford in 1947 and 1948 and last season was in the England side against Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France.

Scotland Beat Wales

GLASGOW, Nov. 9. (PTI-Reuter). Scotland defeated Wales by two goals to nil today in an international match which also counted as a qualifying game in the World Cup Football Tournament. Scotland led one to nil at half time.

Norway Wins Carbine Event In World Shooting

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 8. (PTI-Reuter): Norway with 1.480 points won the carbine event over fifty metres in a prone position in the World Shooting Championships which were continued here today.

Switzerland with 1.474 points were second, and the United States with 1.471 points third.

The highest scores in this event were two Norwegians Skeregaard and Harvor Konsporden, who each scored 296 points.

Huellet Benner, United States, beat the world record for Freestyle Pistol Shooting at fifty metres with a score of 561 points.

CALCUTTA, Nov 9 (PTI).

Crew of H M S. Mauritis, now on a routine call here, today lost their second hockey match to the local Army team by the odd goal in nine. They were beaten yesterday by the Calcutta F C playing on the home ground by seven goals to nil. The Navymen will meet local teams in soccer, rugby and cricket during the rest of their stay here.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

3-45 p.m. Panchgani Parsis vs Lusitanians "B" (First Division).

4-45 p. m. Goan's S. C. vs Young Sports "A" (Senior Division).

BADMINTON

Dadar Parsee Gymkhana

6-15 p.m. Bombay North Open Tournament.

SWIMMING

C. C. I. Swimming Pool

5-30 p.m. Eleventh Annual C.C.I. Gala and Western India Championship.

Stop Press

FRENCH DENIAL

HANOI, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Rumours that France would withdraw her troops from Indo-China were described as "totally unfounded" by well-informed French circles here today.

THE PAMPHLET

LONDON: About the Swaraj House pamphlet, Pandit Nehru said: "If the people disapprove of me, then the Indian people will push me out or I will walk out myself. It is the duty of Indians in this country to see that this sort of thing is disapproved of and not encouraged in any way. It does not bring any credit to India or to Indians generally."

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TIRED LIQUIDATION IN TATA STEELS

Indian Irons And Scindias Decline

BOMBAY, Nov. 9.

The Bombay Stock Exchange again ruled quiet with moderate selling. There is utter absence of easy important support except scattered short covering. The sharp decline in London Securities after the devaluation of sterling is creating some concern among local investors. The general feeling remains bearish. Reports of increased industrial production failed to attract buyers.

Tata Steel Defds. opened today at Rs. 1327/8 and declined at Rs. 1307/8 on tired long liquidation. Thereafter there was scattered short covering and Defds. rallied at Rs. 1315/-. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 274/- and declined at Rs. 272/- Indian Irons opened at Rs. 26/12 and after declining at Rs. 26/4 steadied at Rs. 26/7.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1020/- and quietened at Rs. 1017/8. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 266/- and declined at Rs. 264/- Swadeshi Mill Shares opened at Rs. 252/- and were quoted at Rs. 251/-. Scindia Shares changed hands at Rs. 13/-.

Later on there was further selling and Defds. after declining at Rs. 1303/12 steadied at Rs. 1308/12. Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 272/- Bombay Dyeings changed hands at Rs. 1015/- Indian Irons were quiet at Rs. 26/4 while Scindia Shares declined at Rs. 12/11. Closing tone of the market was quiet.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1016	4
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	264	8
Swadeshi Mills (12-4)	251	0
Central India Mills (4)	211	0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	172	0
New Great Eastern (8)	136	0
Indore (8-13)	120	0
Gokak Mills (12)	245	0
Century Spinning (15)	225	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	140	0
Swan Mills (20)	304	0
Finlay Mills (15)	251	0
Morarji Gocuidas (S)	436	4
Edward Sassoon (30)	213	12
Mever (12)	110	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	9
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	10	9 0
India United Defd (0-2-6)	1	9 6
Madhusudan Mills (15)	170	0
Podar (S)	135	0
Khatau Makanji (5)	171	0
Svadeshi Coupon	62	0
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	271	8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1307	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	134	8
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	138	8
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8)	316	4
Belapur Sugar (9)	195	0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	12	7
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31	4
Premier Construction	83	0
Tata Chemical	10	11
Tata Oil (2)	46	8
Indian Iron (0-12)	26	4
Bengal Steel (0-12)	18	6
British India Corp. (0-9)	8	1 0
Indian Copper	2	5 6
Wimco	187	8
Alcock	243	12
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25) XD	1472	8
Andhra Valley (30) XD	1402	8
Tata Hydro (3) X.D.	151	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	52	0
Phoenix (50)	136	4
Indian Mfg.	2910	0
Kurla XD	107	8
Colaba (12)	114	0
New City (1)	159	8
Minerva (12)	137	8
Bradbury	435	
Bharucha Defd (0-4)	4	
Bharat Mills (2)	28	4
Mysore (4)	166	4
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14	
Model Mills (12-8)	186	4
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	685	0
Vishnu Cotton	216	4
Western India (40)	2925	
Standard (15)	223	12
Sholapur Mills (200)	2860	
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16	
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	
Tata Mills (2-5)	47	0
Ahmedabad Advance	252	4
New Ahmedabad	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	31	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15	14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35	
Srinivas Mills (S)	162	
Raja Bahadur (4)	62	0
Berar Mills	250	0
Victoria Mills	225	
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	125	0
Ahmedabad New	72	0
Surat Electric (2-8)	128	12
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12	4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	6
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	135	0
Bombay Suburban XR	145	6
Bombay Suburban New	83	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35) X D	1712	8
Imperial Bank PP (8-12)	425	0
Central Bank (1-8)	78	0
Central Bank New (18)	78	8
Bank of India (4) XD	168	8
Union (0-5)	7	1
Baroda	116	8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	40	0
United Commercial (8)	43	12
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	205	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4200	0
Empire (10)	492	8
New India (1-8)	55	0
Jupiter (0-12)	12	8
Vulcan (0-10)	11	13
Indian Mercantile (2)	38	8
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B.I.G (1)	15	0
Industrial and Prudential	26	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	11	14
RAILWAY SHARES		
C.P (1-14) XD	113	0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (10)	227	8
Bombay Burma New (5)	113	12
Burma Petrol	1	6 6
Mackenzie (6)	65	0
Port Canning (3)	64	0
Kemp and Co. (30)	376	4
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	84	8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	40	0
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16	0
Alembic (15)	150	0
Supreme India X.R.	71	0
Jam Wire (6)	67	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28	0
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	132	8
United Motor	28	0
Associated Cement New (2)	136	4
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Aydary Construction	19	10
Manmadi Steam	96	0
Sardar Carbonic X.D	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	28	0
Estrella Batteries	32	2
Manmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	56	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	192	8
Andhra Valley (7)	1235	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1337	8
Hydro Electric (7)	127	8
Bombay Steamer (6)	237	8
Central India (5)	650	0
Swadeshi Mills	126	4
Vishnu Mills (7)	260	0
Lakshmi Mills	220	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	105	0
Podar Mills (4)	98	0
Shrinivas Mills	106	4
Elphinstone Mills (7)	316	8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	130	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	102	8
Pre Construction First	99	8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	115	0
Amalgamated	72	8
Habib	117	8
Tata Chemical	130	0
Walchandnagar	19	14
Jupiter	100	0
Supreme	110	0
Meyer	85	0
Mackenzie (1st)	80	0
Mackenzie (2)	132	8
Ahmedabad Advance	60	0
Mysore Mill	99	0
Standard	12	0
Madhusudan	100	12
Khatau	94	8
Morarji	74	8
National Rayon		
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	8
Gula Kajamsingh	8	8
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	8
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	8
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	8 0
New Victoria	2	0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4	2
Dalton (8)	111	0
Gold Mohor	282	8
New Kaiser Hind	420	0
Sajjan Mills (20)	155	0
Osmanshahi (16)	245	
Azamshahi	275	
Air Services	4	12
Air India Tata	59	0
Hind Motor	4	10
India Steam	7	4

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Nov. 9.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 200 bars silver at Rs. 166/9 and no sales were reported as all the tenders were below Rs. 114/8.

The market is divided into two groups. Those who are inclined to look for higher prices believes that in due course the Bank will stop selling and naturally prices will make an upward move. Others who look for lower prices rely on increasing stocks and poor offtake.

Magsar delivery silver opened at Rs. 167/4 and after improving at Rs. 167/6 declined at Rs. 167/2. Trading was restricted. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 166/9.

Magsar delivery gold was placed at Rs. 113, ready gold was quoted at Rs. 114/4 and sovereigns were priced at Rs 76/4.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	167	7	0
Magsar	167	14	0
Ready Gold	114	4	0
Magsar	113	1	0
Sovereigns	76	4	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Nov. 9.

There was no forward business in the local cotton market today.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contract is 1341 cent points below New York May delivery.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Nov. 8

KARNAK—		
November	.....	72.12+117
January	.....	71.40+125
March	.....	71.25+145
ASHMOUNI—		
December	.....	66.30+165
February	.....	65.10+165
April	.....	64.25+185

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Nov. 9.

Increased arrivals and free movement of new Groundnut crop is having depressing effect. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	34	8	0
November Delivery	34	6	0
January Delivery	34	0	0
Bold Ready	34	0	0
Bold December	33	4	0
Bold January	33	4	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	20	8	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	20	2	0
Oil November	19	14	0
Oil December	18	12	0
LINSEEDS—			
Indore	34	0	0
Bold	33	12	0
Small	32	9	0
Oil	20	10	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Spot	23	10	0
January Delivery	23	4	0

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Nov. 9.

120 Ready Japan	3	14	0
150 Ready Japan	3	14	0
120 Ready Italy	3	10	0
150 Ready Italy	3	13	6
150 D. Box Nov.	763	0	0
150 D. Box Dec.	774	0	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Nov. 9.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	96	12	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	6	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	6	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	0	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
3 per cent non terminable	97	1	0
3 per cent Con.	97	0	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	9	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	14	0
3 per cent 1957	101	5	0
3 per cent 1959-61	100	12	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	2	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	1	0
3 per cent 1970-75	99	14	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	4	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950 55	102	0	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-66	113	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	98	13	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	0	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	0	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	6	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	6	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent C. P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B P T long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	113	12	0

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, November 9.

MILLS

Ahmedabad Advance 245, 46/4.
Apollo 2/9/6, 2/9.
B. Dyeing 1021 4, 22/8, 16/4.
C. India 213, 10, 11.
Century 225.
Colaba 114.
Elphinstone Ord. 52.
Elphinstone Pref. 105/10.
E. Textiles 208/12, 13/12.
Finlay 251
Gokak 246, 44/8, 45.
I. U. Defd. 1/10, 1/9/6.
I. U. Ord. 10/11, 10/9.
Indore 118/12, 20.
Kohinoor 266, 66/8, 64/8, 65/4, 64, 64/8.
Laxmi 685.
Model 185, 86/4.
New Great 136.
Simplex 173 74, 72.
Svadeshi 253/8, 50/8, 51.
Tata Mills 47.
Vishnu 216/4.
Scindia 13/2, 12/15/6, 13, 12/11.
Baroda 116.
Central 77/4, 76/8, 77.
Central New 78/8.
Imperial Old 1710, 7/8, 12/8.
Imperial New 425.
India 168.
Union 7/2.
U. Commercial 44/8, 43/12.
Ahmedabad 125.
Hydro 151/8 51.
Power 1470. 72/8.
B. I. C. 14/6.
Jupiter 12/8.
New India 55.
B. Steel 18/8, 18/6.
I. Iron 26/14, 26/2, 26/6, 26/4.
Tata Defd. 1327/8, 12/8, 22/8, 6/4, 15, 2/8, 7/8.
Tata Ord. 274, 71/8, 72/4, 71/8, 72/8, 71/8.
Tata Hind Pref. 134, 34/8.
A. C. C. Old 139 8. 40, 38/8.
Belapur 195, 96, 93/12, 95.
B. B. Old 320, 21/4, 16/4.
B B. New 115/10, 15.
B. B. Petrol 1/6, 1/6/3.
B. I. C. 8/2, 8/1.
I. Copper 2/4/6, 2/4.
Port Canning 64.
P. Const. 84/8. 82, 84, 83/8.
Shivrajpur 31, 30/8, 31/4.
Tata Chem. 10/10, 10, 10/11 10/9, 10/11.
Tata Pref. 116/4.
Tata Oil 46, 46/8.
Wimco 186/4, 88/12, 85, 87/8.

SPECIAL

Svadeshi Coupon 61, 62.
Motor House (Gujerat) Ord. 28/8.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 4th day of November:+

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	31,24,40,000
Notes in circulation	1077,80,24,000
Total Liabilities	1109,04,64,000

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	40,01,71,000
(b) Held outside India	.....
Foreign Securities	600,34,38,000
B. Rupee Coin	53,41,50,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	415,27,05,000
Total Assets	1109,04,64,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities 57.740 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	145,67,49,000
(2) Other Governments	25,53,74,000
(b) Banks	71,55,81,000
(c) Others	67,47,42,000
Bills Payable	4,53,40,000
Other Liabilities	7,01,40,000
Total	331,79,26,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	31,24,40,000
Rupee Coin	6,98,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,93,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:+	
(a) Internal	10,18,000
(b) External	.....
(c) Government Treasury Bills	1,54,84,000
Balances held abroad	190,87,44,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	.....
Other Loans and Advances	8,56,66,000
Investments	95,99,33,000
Other Assets	3,37,50,000
Total	331,79,26,000

London Bullion Market

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. have issued the following Quarterly Bullion Letter dated London Oct. 3:—

GOLD

In a broadcast speech on 18th September, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the Government's decision to devalue the pound sterling in terms of the dollar. The new middle rate, which became operative immediately, is dol. 2.80 to the pound, as compared with the previous rate of dol. 4.03. The change necessitated an adjustment in the official price of gold. The U. S. price of dol. 35 per ounce, at the exchange of dol. 2.80, gives a dead parity of 250/-, and the new Bank of England buying price, after allowing for the necessary shipping expenses etc., was fixed at 248/- per fine ounce, compared with 172s/3d. per fine ounce previously; the price at which the Bank of England will purchase sovereigns was, at the same time, raised from 40s/3d. to 58s/- per sovereign.

In returns issued up to and including 14th September, 1949, the amount of gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England remained unaltered at £247,833, valued at 172s/3d. per fine ounce; in the return of 21st September, 1949, the amount is shown as £356,823, which represents the re-valuation of the holding at the new price of 248s/- per fine ounce.

The gold output of the Transvaal for the months of June, July and August 1949, is shown below, together with figures for the corresponding months of 1948 for the purpose of comparison:—

	1949 fine ounces
June	990,808
July	1,018,781
August	1,020,453
	1948 fine ounces
June	966,583
July	986,250
August	965,252

SILVER

The third quarter of the year opened with the official price of silver for use in essential industries at 43-1/2d. per ounce .999 fine for both cash and two months delivery. There was no change until August 24th when, in sympathy with a rise in the New York quotation from 71-1/2 to 72 cents per ounce, the London official price was advanced to 44d.; this was the first movement since 16th February, 1949. Following further upward movements in New York where the quotation reached 73.1/4 cents, the London price was raised another 1/2d. to 44-1/2d at which it remained unaltered up to and including 16th September. Up to this point the demand for silver for essential purposes had been provided from official stocks.

There followed over the week-end the announcement of the devaluation of the pound sterling and, on September 20th, the next working day, the London official price was fixed at 64d. per ounce 999 fine for both cash and two months' delivery —a figure slightly over parity with New York at 73-1/4 cents. At this level, offerings of silver from internal sources were forthcoming to supply the requirements for essential purposes and a condition was established of supply and demand. Persistence of offerings in the face of a moderate demand caused a break from the dollar when, on September 22nd, the price dropped 1-1/4d. to 62-3/4d., the New York quotation being unchanged at 73-1/4 cents The decline continued until 62d. was touched on September 26th, but reacted slightly thereafter and the quotation at the end of the month was 62-1/2d. for both positions. Thus, since devaluation there has, so far, been no need for recourse to the official quarter for silver for the essential industries.

SHORT COVERING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Bureau Report Fails To Induce Selling Pressure

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.

The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture issued the following estimates: Production 15,524,000 bales, Yield per acre 287 6 lbs. The Bureau of the Census of the Dept. of Commerce also issued its Ginning Report as 9,544,000 running bales ginned prior to November 1.

Early trading was confined principally to evening up prior to the Bureau report with mill buying offsetting scattered hedges. The market reopened practically unchanged from the adjournment levels despite a larger than expected crop of 15,524,000 bales. Prices later sagged slightly with the circulation of crop figures bringing out modest selling which encountered renewed trade support. Prices continued to show little animation owing to lack of definite impulse from the official crop estimate and after remaining quiet most of the afternoon finally rallied. Trade buying and short covering were apparently partly stimulated by the market's action which showed only a temporary slight response to the larger than expected Government crop report. The trade commenting reiterated last month's view that it means just so many more bales going into official loan. The market closed steady with sales estimated at 120,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

December	30.05	—.03
March	30.00	—.02
May	29.91	—.01
July	29.55	—.01
October	28.05	—.01
Middling Spot	30.63	—.03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	29.96	—.03
March	29.96	—.02
May	29.86	—.02
July	29.48	—.02
Middling Spot	29.55	

New York Cotton highest 30.06 at 10.22 and lowest 29.96 at 11.23 hours.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.

Prices fluctuated irregularly with December wheat declining early under pressure of additional liquidation but rallied sharply on improved demand from flour mills representing hedge lifting against sales to a large eastern chanbaker. Soyabeans reflected a lowering of bids in the cash market but later encountered commercial support and short covering. Maize and oats were aided by export sales of 200,000 bushels maize to Eire and 140,000 bushels oats to Holland.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.

December	2.11 3/8
March	2.14
May	2.11 1/2
July	1.94 7/8

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, November 8.

Australian Wheat New Crop 12s December-January

AMSTERDAM STOCK EXCHANGE

AMSTERDAM, November 8.

Trading was inactive with most sections fluctuating narrowly. Operators noted the continued selling of dollar stocks which is being connected with fears of an increase in the unistates gold price. Indonesians were initially dull but brightened later with tobaccos helped by reports that first shipments were made to Europe from the 1949 Delhi tobacco crop.

PARIS STOCK EXCHANGE

PARIS, November 8.

BOURSE: Most price changes reflected technical considerations and did little to alter the general state of the markets. Foreign issues, however displayed dullness apart from coppers. Profittaking left its mark on Suez and Mexican eagles while Argentines were irregular.

BRUSSELS STOCK EXCHANGE

BRUSSELS, November 8.

The undertone remained steady and although there was little business to sustain values, many issues displayed good resistance. Textiles provided a few good features The bourse is remaining closed on November 11th and 15th.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, November 8.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	66	£ 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	89	3/4
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	103	1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	88	1/2
Chartered Bank of India	9	15 16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank		
London reg.	87	1/2
National Bank of India	32	3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6 177

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, Nov. 8.

The pepper market was quiet with buying interest limited. Black lampong, November, was cheaper at 11 sh. per pound c.i.f. basis ports but white muntok and sarawak were not offered below 17 sh. Malabar near afloat was held for 1,150 sh. per 112 pounds, first half of November for 1,100 sh. and all November at 1,060 sh. c.i.f., unikingdom.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Nov. 8.

There was an improved tendency on the Singapore pepper market today on fears that Indonesian pepper might not be available here in future owing to direct shipment to the unistates Sellers exgodown prices were raised by 25 dollars to 625 per picul for black lampnog and by 10 dollars to 930 for white muntock. About 3 tons each of black and white loose changed hands at 590 and 900 dollars respectively.

N.Y. PEPPER MARKET CLOSED

NEW YORK, Nov. 8, (Tuesday).

Black Pepper: The black pepper market remained closed today.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, November 8.

T. T. London on:			
New York	2.7987	to	2.8012
Montreal	3.0775	to	3.0825
Zurich	12.23	to	1226
Stockholm	14.47	to	14 50

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LONDON, November 8.

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INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Nov. 9.

Tata Ordinary 271-8, Tata Deferred 1307-8, Indian Iron 26-4, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 18-6, Bombay Dyeing 1016-4, Central India 211-4, Gokak 245, Kohinoor 264-6, Simplex 172, Swadeshi 251-14, Tata Power 1372-8, Associated Cement 138-12, Belapur 195, Bombay Burma (Old) 316-14, Scindia 12-11, Central Bank 77, New India 55, Tata 2nd Pref. 134-6.

Indian Cotton Figures

BOMBAY, November 8.

	1949 Bales	1948 Bales
Receipts (By Rail and Sea) 4th Nov. to 7th Nov.	10240	12056
Receipts (By Rail and Sea) 1st Sept. to 7th Nov.	1,45,498	148571
Shipments 4th to 7th November		
United Kingdom	500	3300
Continent	4122	4098
China	....	789
Japan	....	....
Coast Ports	3414	1215
Total	8036	9402
Shipments 1st Sept. to 7th November		
United Kingdom	700	8982
Continent	9699	19885
China	....	4499
Japan	....	....
U. S. A.	16156	1317
Other Foreign Countries	1629	1664
Total all Foreign Countries	28184	27347
Coast Ports	7137	48078
Total	35321	75425
Transhipment in Bombay Harbour During the month of September Total	52	....a
1st Sept. to 30th September Total	52	....d

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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Chinese Airlines Chiefs Join Reds

SECRET FLIGHT FROM NATIONALIST AREA

HONG KONG, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter).

THE general managers of China's two biggest airlines today flew to Shanghai to "contact the Communists in order to serve the Chinese people," usually reliable sources reported here.

Earlier messages said 21 planes of the two concerns—the China National Aviation Corporation, which has Pan-American Airways capital, and the Central Air Transport Corporation—were believed to have gone over to the Communists.

They left Kaitak airport, Hong Kong, this morning and failed to arrive at their stated destinations.

American "ferry" pilots in the Nationalist evacuation of the China mainland were reported yesterday to have rejected a circular asking employees to join the defection. Both the Corporations employ American crews.

The Nationalist Government, "blockading" Communist-held Shanghai by air and sea, has a majority financial interest in both the Corporations.

CIRCULAR

The general managers, in their circular to their employees yesterday, were said to have stated that the companies, though semi-State owned, were not political organisations.

The first duty of the airlines was to serve the people. As the Communist Peoples Liberation Army had occupied the greater part of China, curtailing the airlines activities, it was now desirable to contact the Communists.

A Central Air Transport Corporation spokesman said the Corporation's two planes left Kaitak early today for Taipeh, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters on Taiwan (Formosa).

Later the management was informed that the planes "landed somewhere else". They carried extra crews and aircraft spares.

21 AIRCRAFT

Twentyone aircraft of China's two biggest lines—backed by Nationalist money—arrived at Peking this afternoon to serve the Communist Government, a spokesman of the Chinese Aircraft Workers Union said.

Fearing a similar defection to the Communists by seamen, the Nationalist Government today suspended sailing of all ships belonging to the fleet of China's largest shipping organisation, the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company according to reliable but unconfirmed reports tonight.

The Aircraft Workers Union spokesman said the Union had received radio advice that the planes had arrived and that they had since been dispersed over various North China airfields to reduce the risk of destruction by Nationalist war planes.

INCIDENT IN LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

12 Hurt As Horses Shy

LONDON, Nov. 9. (PTI-Reuter): Cheering women and children, waving Union Jacks as London's new Lord Mayor drove towards his civic headquarters today, ran for their lives as the horses in one of the ornate, gilt state coaches shied and plunged towards them.

About a dozen people in the crowd were taken to hospital, but none was detained.

The coach in which retiring Lord Mayor Sir George Aylwen was riding, lurched and would have toppled over if the coachman and onlookers had not quickly got the horses under control.

A cafe was turned into a clearing station for injured and about 25 people were treated on the spot for minor injuries.

Two of the four horses pulling the 200-year-old coach were cut out of their traces, and the retiring Lord Mayor brought up the rear of the procession with only two horses.

Most of the injuries were caused by panic, not by the plunging horses.

The Lord Mayor's Show is an annual traditional ceremony which ushers the new Lord Mayor of London into office. The new Lord Mayor, Sir Frederick Rowland, was drawn through the city streets in his state coach built in 1757.

Sales Tax Cut On Bihar Teas

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9, (UPI): The Government of Bihar, having reviewed the question of sales tax on Bihar teas sent outside the province, has agreed, in view of representations from the Centre, to reduce the rate of tax by 50 per cent that is, from 6 pies to 3 pies in the rupee. This is effective from October 1, 1949, says a press note issued by the Ministry of Commerce. Government of India.

ASSASSIN HANGED

Killed Ex-Premier Of Persia

TEHERAN, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Hussain Emami, member of a fanatical Moslem religious organisation sentenced to death on Saturday for the assassination of Abdul Hussain Hazhir, a Minister of the Persian Court and former Prime Minister of Persia, was publicly hanged here today.

Hussian Emami, who was arrested immediately, was said to have confessed to killing Haznir for religious and political motives.

About 30 other people were arrested in connection with the assassination many of them supporters of the opposition in Persia.

No Exhibition

MADRAS, Nov. 9 (PTI).

Mr. J. Sivashanmugham Pillai, Speaker, ruled in the Madras Assembly today that no implements should be exhibited in the House.

When the Assembly was considering the Public Safety Act, some fuel sticks and timber pieces, improvised in the shape of guns, it is stated, by Communist detenus, were directed to be placed on the table of the House by Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister in charge of the bill.

The Speaker told the Minister that the Assembly rules did not permit exhibition of such implements. They were accordingly removed.

Nehru's Praise For Britain

(Continued From Page 1)

India were and are inspired by Gandhiji's example and I have no doubt that that example will continue and will never pass away. That is a very great inheritance, that helped us in the days of our struggle and at the time when we could arrive at an understanding with the country with whom we were struggling.

"It has helped us tremendously in the two and a quarter years since our independence which have been extremely difficult for us," Pandit Nehru continued. "As you all know, these years have been very difficult in every way for us, especially the first few months which were terrible for us. We do not know what we would have done if we did not have Gandhiji's presence and inspiring example. And even after his death his example and memory of his teachings still live with us."

HE TAUGHT US

Pandit Nehru went on to say, "We have overcome many great difficulties and perils. Whatever may come in future cannot be more difficult or perilous than those we have faced so far. Gandhiji taught us to do our job and not worry about the consequences. Not that we should not worry or consider the consequences of our acts, but not to worry too much about the personal benefits they bring to us.

"I have little doubt that India will grow in stature as days go by, and that stature in the world, India is already beginning to take up.

"Those of our countrymen who are here or elsewhere can do a good deal in building up this new India. Not only those who are directly engaged in building up what might be termed the new country, but each one of you can participate in this tremendous task and fascinating adventure. It might not bring you noble successes which could be measured by material standards but it will bring you individually something infinitely more valuable and richer, the experience and satisfaction that you could never otherwise have got.

"On the other side, on the British side, they will have a good deal to contribute to us and in association with us. Even in wider problems than mere relationship between India and the U.K. there is no reason there should not be the greatest cooperation between India and England."

Pressure On Recognition Of Red China

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Nov. 9.

"The Communist "Daily Worker" characterises Nehru's talks as quisling talks but if the new China is early recognised by Western Powers, that will be largely due to Nehru's pressure. It is believed here that if Britain is unable to make up her mind, India and Burma will take early steps to recognise the Chinese Communist Government. This will be made clear to Mr. Bevin when Nehru meets him on Saturday.

It is believed that Pandit Nehru agrees fully with the views of the Indian Consul-General in Saigon that it is undesirable to recognise the Bao Dai regime. Whitehall seems to favour recognition if only because any other course would offend France but even "The Manchester Guardian" says that in the present circumstances nobody can regard Bao Dai as a national leader.

Britain Feels Loss Of India

LONDON, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Lord Strabolgi, Labour Peer, said today that Britain was feeling very much the loss of India in her strategic set up.

Speaking in a House of Lords debate on defence, he said: "I am hoping that perhaps a little later on when this unfortunate Kashmir business is settled, we can persuade India and Pakistan to undertake some of the responsibilities which used to be undertaken by the Indian Army and the Royal Indian Navy in the past.

"I would have thought that with the right approach and the right argument we would get some help from them".

TERRORISTS KILL EUROPEAN WOMAN

Fresh Attacks In Malaya

SINGAPORE, Nov. 9 (PTI-Reuter).—Malaya's Communist-led guerillas killed the European wife of a tin miner with a burst of Sten-gun fire in an ambush in Perak today.

She was the first European woman to be killed by terrorists in the 17 months-old "State of Emergency."

An official statement said a European rubber planter was also killed and five Malays wounded. Two of the wounded were missing and one of the others was seriously hurt. Casualties occurred in a series of ambushes on the jungle road between Taiping and Selama.

About 15 guerillas wearing jungle green uniforms first shot at a police vehicle travelling from Taiping to Selama, but there were no casualties.

When the tin miner, accompanied by his wife and his niece, reached the spot in a small car the road was blocked with logs.

He left the car to investigate and the guerillas opened fire with Sten-guns killing his wife, according to a police report.

He scattered the guerillas with shots from his revolver, but fire was still coming from the jungle as he turned the car.

As he turned, another car containing five Malayas arrived at the road block and came under fire. After the two men in the front seat had been wounded their companions ran to the tin miner's car and joined him in escaping back to Taiping.

Later another car driven by the European manager of a rubber estate was attacked at the same spot. The manager was killed and two Malays with him wounded, one seriously.

Police reports said that the two Malays left wounded in the car at the road block were missing.

1 KILLED, 7 INJURED

Serious Bus Accident In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9 (PTI): One person was killed and seven others were injured in a bus accident in Beliaghata area this afternoon.

It is stated that while clearing out of a narrow passage, which had already been blocked by another vehicle the bus suddenly ran into the verandah of a roadside building and dashed against its wall. In the impact the conductor of the bus was thrown off the vehicle and was killed on the spot while five passengers of the bus received serious injuries. Two boys who were standing on the street were also injured. All the injured persons have been admitted to hospital.

Pak Efficiency

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Nov. 9.

Some new methods are being adopted in Sind by the Deputy Custodians for depriving Hindus of their propertiss under the Evacuee Properties Ordinance.

Inspectors and even clerks of the Deputy Custodians' offices go round various towns and villages in their districts with blank notice forms bearing rubber stamps of the Custodian's signatures which they serve on each and every Hindu that they come across asking him to show cause why he should not be declared as an evacuee and further make a declaration of the properties owned by him.

Then, before this Hindu is able to prove his bonafides, all his property—movable or immovable—seized on the strength of his own declaration.

MORE KEROSENE TO BE IMPORTED

Dealers' Margins Will Soon Be Cut

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9.

The Government of India recently permitted the oil companies operating in India to increase their selling prices of the petroleum products, other than kerosene, to allow for increased landed costs. The request of the oil companies for a similar increase in their wholesale prices of kerosene has also since been agreed to.

With a view to safeguarding consumer interests, it has, however, been decided to increase imports immediately to a figure which, the oil companies estimate, will adequately meet all the reasonable requirements of the country. The total quantity that will thus be made available will be higher than at any time since 1939.

The additional foreign exchange is specially allocated for these increased imports of kerosene in pursuance of Government's policy to make available to the consumers increased supplies of their essential needs. It is expected that with these increased supplies, it will be possible to reduce dealers' margins, and to maintain as far as possible current levels of retail prices.

Pattabhi's Solution For Transport Problem

MADRAS, Nov. 9 (PTI): Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President said in a broadcast speech here tonight that as the length of railways was limited canal communication and cart traffic should be organised in the country for conveying non-perishable goods like food grains to internal places.

He suggested that the Ganges and the Kaveri might be connected through the Narbada by a network of canals.

U. S. Author To Tour India

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9.

Mr. Walter Lippmann, the American author of international fame, who will be on a month's visit to India from November 10.

Lippmann, who was born in 1889 was Assistant to the U S. Secretary of War in 1917. He became secretary of an organisation directed to prepare data for the Peace Conference of 1919 and was also attached to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace.

An author of international fame, Lippmann has been associate editor of the "New York World". The journals for which he now writes include

MR. WALTER LIPPMANN

"Life" Harpers, "Atlantic", "Yale" Review", and "vanity Fair". Prominent among dozens of boks he has published are the "USA in World Affairs." "US Foreign Policy"; Shield of the Republic," "Men of Destiny," and "The Stakes of Diplomacy."

Lippmann will spend the first six days of his Indian tour in New Delhi and then will make short visits each to Agra and Srinagar and then spend three days each in Banares, Calcutta Madras, Mysore State and Hyderabad Returning to New Delhi on December 7, he will fly to London on December 9 on his way back to the USA.

SUGAR PRICE UNECONOMIC

Syndicate Chief's View

LUCKNOW, Nov. 9, (PTI): Mr. Des Raj Narang, Chairman of the Indian Sugar Syndicate said here today that the price of sugar at Rs. 28-8 per maund fixed by the Government of India was "uneconomic."

Mr. Narang who was addressing a press conference declared: "Government's decision on the price has once again been taken in a most arbitrary manner, with complete disregard for the economics of production. Continuation of the present futile control over sugar distribution is another major factor which will directly affect production. Even the production of last year seems to be impossible of achievement at this uneconomic price."

He stated that Government must create conditions and fix the price at a level which would enable factories to increase production. The sugar industrialist, he said, wanted the price to be fixed at Rs. 30-4 per maund.

GIDWANI'S ADVICE: GET TOUGH

Eye-For-Eye Treatment Of Property

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9 (PTI): Dr. Choithram Gidwani, President of the All-India Refugees Association, today urged the Government of India to deal with Muslim ecavuee property in India the same way as Pakistan was dealing with the non-Muslim property left behind in that country.

Dr. Gidwani, who was addressing a press conference, said: "Our relations with Pakistan will not improve by our generosity. Neither are we likely to win over Indian Muslims as loyal citizens of our country by pursuing our present policy towards the refugees."

U. S. RECOGNITION FOR INDONESIA

When Republic Takes Over Sovereignty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): The United States will probably give almost immediate recognition to the Indonesian Republic when it takes over sovereignty from the Dutch, State Department officials disclosed today.

The State Department is already studying the many changes which are expected to follow the signing of the Hague agreement between the Dutch and Indonesians.

LAW AND ORDER

One of the main problems now being considered here is how effectively the Indonesians will be able to maintain internal law and order, and now quickly they can establish stability, under their own authority, in the Netherlands East Indies area.

Other studies are being made of Dutch commercial interests and the amount of power which the Dutch will still exert when sovereignty is transferred.

It is believed here that a sovereign Indonesian Government would not have difficulty in maintaining law and order and would therefore, meet one of the tests of recognition by foreign Governments.

Futile Plan To Cut Off Karachi Water Supply

KARACHI, Nov. 9. (UPI): Unsuccessful attempts to sabotage the city's water supply lines had been made by municipal sweepers who are on strike since the last three days, officials of the Karachi Municipal Corporation alleged. Consequently, a heavy guard has been placed on the pipe lines to prevent tampering of the water supply.

More Details Of Razakar Looting In Bibinagar

HYDERABAD (Dn)., Nov. 9, (P.T.I):— Two witnesses gave evidence for the prosecution today when the Special Tribunal hearing the Bibinagar Dacoity Case reassembled at the old British Military Hospital Buildings.

Gowramma, a resident of Bibinagar deposed that uniformed armed men entered her house three days prior to "Sankranti" two years ago, and ordered her to get out of the house. They then broke open a cupboard while she was away and took away cash amounting to Rs. 510.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, a revenue assistant who was the next witness, told the Tribunal that as he was conversing with Malliah, a Patwari of Kondamadugu Jagir (about three miles from Bibinagar) in the latter's house in Bibinagar at about 5 p.m. on January 10, 1948 some Razakars banged the door and as Malliah opened it, they struck him with a spear. The Razakars also removed revenue collections amounting to Rs 350/- from Malliah as also his gold rings.

"GOVERNMENT MONEY"

Witness said he told the Razakars that Malliah was a Government official and the money that was taken away from him was Government property. The Razakars asked witness to go to the "Sadar Sahib" (President) and report the matter to him. The Razakars, witness said, took Malliah away and witness followed them. They met the Sadar Saheb (witness pointed to Syed Kasim Razvi in the court as Sadar Saheb) while he was crossing the railway lines along with accused Khadar Ali and others.

The Razakars then compelled to Kasim Razvi that Malliah had refused to point out the houses of Shaukars and Congressites in the village. Witness said he told Kasim Razvi Malliah was a Government servant and that the Razakars had taken away money belonging to Government from Malliah. Witness added that Kasim Razvi abused him for recommending the case of a person like Malliah and ordered the Razakars to take Malliah away to the lorry standing near the station.

Witness said he then went to Malliah's house and consoled his mother.

The Court then rose to meet again tomorrow morning.

FRENCH INDIA REFERENDUM POSTPONED

Commissioner's Statement

MADRAS, Nov. 9, (UPI): M. Jean Chambon, Commissioner for French India stating here today that the referendum fixed for December 11, in the four South Indian French Settlements was being postponed said that a fresh date would be fixed for the referendum by mutual consultations between the French and the India Governments.

He said that between now and the date fixed for the referendum the time was too short to make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the referendum.

It may be recalled that recently Dr. N. V. Rajkumar, Secretary of the Foreign Department of the AICC stated in a press interview here that the Government of India would be agreeable to a short postponement of the date of the referendum if it was required for the purpose of revising the electoral rolls or settling the procedure.

TWO POLICEMEN INJURED

Acid Bulbs Thrown In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9, (PTI): Two constables received slight injuries when acid bulbs were hurled on the police in front of two jute mills in Sibpore (Howrah) area today. About forty persons were arrested in this connection.

It is stated that on the receipt of a report that some labour agitators were inciting the workers of a mill in Sibpore to stage a strike, a police party proceeded to the mill and as they appeared on the scene a number of acid bulbs were thrown at them causing injury to one constable. The police arrested forty persons on the spot and brought the situation under control.

In a similar incident in front of another jute mill in the same area, a police constable on duty was attacked with an acid bulb and was slightly injured. The miscreants, however disappeared on the arrival of police reinforcements.

PAK STORY OF WHEAT OFFER TO INDIA

Propaganda Stunt, Says Delhi

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9 (UPI).

PAKISTAN'S reported offer of 1,75,000 tons of wheat and India's refusal to accept it, is on par with similar propaganda stunts by Pakistan in the past, a source close to the Ministry of Food stated here today.

It was stated that the "genuineness and magnanimity of Pakistan's offer" was clear from the fact that the cost of Pakistan wheat in Calcutta or Bombay would amount to approximately Rs. 19/12/- per maund, as against the post-devaluation price of about Rs 17/- per maund from U.S.A. and about Rs. 14/8/- per maund from Australia or Argentine.

Till about the middle of September 1949, Pakistan had refused to declare any wheat surplus. Only an exchange transaction was agreed to by which India secured 20,000 tons of seed wheat for an equivalent quantity of wheat atta supplied to East Bengal. An offer of 66,000 tons of wheat which was made by Pakistan a few days before devaluation was under consideration at the time of devaluation. Immediately on devaluation, Pakistan increased her offer to 1,75,000 tons against payment in convertible sterling.

EXCHANGE HITCH

The question of purchasing any wheat from Pakistan, it was also pointed out, obviously cannot be settled without an agreement on the relation between the Indian and Pakistani rupees. India is willing to buy wheat from anywhere, provided the prices are reasonable.

The source described the charge of economic war against Pakistan as "absurd", and as "another facet of Pakistan's persecution complex."

WELFARE OF ABORIGINALS

Special Ministry In West Bengal

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9 (UPI).—The Government of West Bengal have set up a special Ministry for looking after the welfare of the aboriginals and other backward classes in the Province, with Shri Niharendu Dutta Majumdar, Minister for Judicial and Legislative Department as the Minister-in-Charge.

The function of the new Ministry will be to initiate the policy regarding the amelioration of the condition of the aboriginals and other backward classes in the Province and to co-ordinate the activities of the various departments of Government concerning the welfare of aboriginals and backward classes.

STEPS TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION COST

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external finance budget with a view to ensuring that the devaluation does not further restrict what is admittedly an austerity level of the import or essential items such as machinery and equipment and raw materials from the dollar areas.

Trade relations with Pakistan which are now at a stand-still are also expected to figure in the deliberations of the Advisory Committee.

CLOSURE OF FACTORIES

Cosure of industrial undertakings for various reasons will come up for consideration. Although there was nothing exceptional in the few cases of closures which were merely incidental to the functioning of a normal economy, Government, it is understood, consider it necessary that there should be a proper machinery to deal with the problem in case the tendency to close down factories persisted.

This problem was discussed at its last meeting by the Central Advisory Council of Industries in its various aspects and had made recommendations to the Government While it is recognised that closures had not been on any alarming scale it is pointed out that these have been more frequent in the Cotton Textiles Industry than in other industries.

During the third week of October this year, some 33 mills had closed down some because of the accumulation of unsold stocks and others due to various other reasons such as old and inefficient machinery, shortage of finance, mismanagement etc. As a result of several measures taken by the Government, three mills have reopened and eight mills which had given notice of closure have withdrawn the notices.

Inquiries were instituted into the closure of some mills, about a dozen of them and it was found that a few of these are capable of economic working.

ABUSES

The meeting will discuss certain suggestions that have been received to provide for investigation into the affairs of some companies to detect and avoid abuses. These have been set out in a memorandum which the Bombay Share-holders' Association recently submitted to the Government in which instances have been quoted of "undesirabel activities of powerful groups of managing agents" The memorandum is considered to be of far-reaching importance but legislation, as suggested by the Bombay Shareholders Association may lead to difficulties. Government are expected to seek the advice of the Committee as to whether legislation on the lines suggested is desirable and if so whether the scope of the legislation should be as comprehensive as suggested.

LARGE DEFICIT IN CIVIC BUDGET

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Rs. 33. 63 lakhs at the end of the Budget Year 1950-51.

Sounding a note of caution with regard to embarking on new schemes, the Commissioner said, "The economic situation which confronted the country a year ago has not shown any signs of improvement: on the contrary the situation has further deteriorated. It has therefore become necessary to proceed with caution in regard to the launching of new schemes of expansion of civic services."

He also revealed that the Rs. 72 lakhs at which the deposits stood in the Post War Reconstruction Fund in the year 1946 had progressively dwindled to Rs. 6.16 during the year 1950-51, the depletions from this fund being (in lakhs) Rs. 8.36, Rs 29.88, Rs. 20.16 and Rs. 8.43 from the year 1947-48 to 1950-51 respectively The amount of Rs. 80 lakhs received from the Government in two instalments of Rs. 30 lakhs and Rs. 50 lakhs had also been wiped out.

The Municipal Commissioner stated that while last year the Municipality started with a comfortable cash balance, this year they had only about seven lakhs to start with Last year they had balanced the budget without any additional taxation, but this year they could not.

PRECARIOUS BALANCE

Actually, the balancing this time had been achieved "precariously", by the expected "windfall" from the valuation of Port Trust properties and by the assumption that the actuals of the current year would be far short of the grants sanctioned.

The Municipal Commissioner warned that the increase of the Water Tax, would be in all likelihood a recurrent feature for the next few years as they had to complete the Vaitarna and Tansa schemes This tax which yielded Rs 47 lakhs normally, would now yield about Rs. 49.25 lakhs

The increase in Wheel Tax would yield about Rs. 15 lakhs Rs 12 lakhs due to the increased rate and Rs. 3 lakhs due to the increase in the City's vehicles. While the Wheel Tax has not registered any uniform increase for all classes of vehicles, it has been roughly calculated that the increase will work out at 50 percent.

On motor vehicles the increases will work out at, upto two tons, from Rs. 50 to Rs. 75 and over 12 tons, from Rs. 35 to 55, upto 8 tons, from Rs. 40 to Rs. 65, upto 12 tons, from Rs. 50 to Rs. 75 and over 12 tons, from Rs. 60 to Rs. 85.

DEBT CHARGES

The important rises in the budgeted expenditure have been in respect of debt charges which rose from Rs. 140 97 during the current year to Rs. 150.82 lakhs in 1950-51: establishment charges from Rs. 189 33 lakhs to Rs. 201 11 lakhs; dearness alowance from Rs. 99.96 lakhs to Rs. 125 87 lakhs; Schools Committee Rs. 95 26 lakhs to Rs. 101.27 lakhs.

The debt charges comprise such items as the Vaitarna Scheme, Municipal Housing Programmes. Works connected with drains and sewers and roads. It is not expected that any great economies can be effected in the establishment charges, as grades have been fixed, though Messrs Ibcon and Company, Efficiency Experts had been asked to look into it. The D.A also is not expected to be reduced unless the general price level is depressed.

The budget will come up for the consideration of the Standing Committee on November 15.

Goods Train Derailed On Tapti Valley Railway

SURAT, Nov. 9, (PTI): The District Traffic Superintendent, Bulsar, announces the derailment of a goods train yesterday at mile 30 between Vyara and Madhi on the Tapti Valley Railway.

According to information available here, seventeen wagons of the goods train including the Guard's van were derailed, while three wagons capsized.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON DECEMBER

NEW YORK, Nov. 9

Previous Closing	30 03
Today's Opening	30 04
Difference	+1
Today's Closing	30 07
Difference	+4

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Nov. 9

	Rs.	As.
Silver Forward Magshir	167	14
Gold Forward Magshir	113	2
Silver Bullion	167	4
Silver Mint	167	8
Gold Ready	114	2
Sovereign	76	0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 9

Stock Exchange opening prices:—Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted. General Motors unquoted. United States Steel Common unquoted. United States Steel Pref del. 135-1/2.

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INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN INDIA

Base Period May Be Changed To August 1949

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

THE Government of India have proposed to change the base period of the index of wholesale prices in India from August 1939, as at present, to August 1949, writes the P.T.I. city correspondent. The entire system of the index is to be revised with a view to effecting necessary changes in the constitution of the index.

The present base period (August 1939), as also the choice of items and their weights was governed by conditions before the war. Then came partition and its aftermath, as a result of which the already truncated framework, especially in the case of the food group, was further weakened by the disappearance of Pakistan centres. Moreover, the system of weighting, which was initially established from the data of output and consumption pertaining to the entire sub-continent, has become inappropriate to present-day conditions.

The system is now, therefore, being reviewed. A tentative list of commodities and markets, proposed to be included in the revised index, has been prepared by the Economic Adviser to the Government of India in consultation with the interest directly concerned and the list has been circulated for examination by the Provincial and State governments, chambers of commerce and similar bodies interested in the subject.

If the base period of the cost of living index is changed to August 1949, one immediate result might be stabilisation of the present level of wages. The dearness allowance will have to be added up to the basic salary and the aggregate treated as basic wage.

WELCOME MOVE

City circles in Bombay generally welcome the move of the Government of India's Economic Adviser. The need for a change had become all the greater because of the partition of the country, and new centres have to be selected for weighting index numbers for various articles. Suggestions in regard to the base period are likely to vary. The All India Exporters Association, Bombay, for instance, has proposed August 1947, which, in its view would very conveniently indicate the rise and fall in prices after India won independence.

Almost as a logical corollary to this change in the base period of wholesale price index, there will have to be a change, sooner or later, in the base period of the working class cost of living indices.

TWO VIEW POINTS

Industrialists have often taken the line in industrial disputes, that it is unscientific to take August 1939 as the base period of the cost of living indices, and it gives a thickly laid picture of the real cost.

Labour leaders too have indicated suspicion that the present figures of working class cost of living indices could be more favourable to labour, if only they were worked out more accurately.

The investigation of the data for working out the cost of living index does leave something to be desired in the view of many economists, who are quick in adding of course, that it is better to have some figures than having none at all.

City circles hope that the presently proposed change in the base period of the wholesale price index, as also the possible change in the base period of the cost of living indices, do not become the subject of a controversy between capital and labour, but that the Government of India will take the counsel of disinterested experts in this matter and will be solely guided by them.

Truman's "Fair Deal" Scores Triumph

NEW YORK, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): President Truman's "fair deal" scored a major triumph yesterday as heavy Democratic majorities elected former Governor Herbert Lehman into the Senate for New York State and re-elected New York's Irish born Mayor William O'Dwyer.

Mr. Lehman's Victory was regarded as indicative of the 1,950 Congressional elections and also as a possible deterrent to Governor Dewey's running for a third term as Governor next year. Senator John Foster Dulles, Mr. Lehman's Republican opponent was Mr. Dewy's candidate.

NEWS BRIEFS

DELHI BAN ON WEEKLY

The "Nationalist", a recently-started English weekly in New Delhi, edited by Shri Hari Lal Saxena, was served on Wednesday with an order by the Chief Commissioner of Delhi under Clause (D) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 7 of the East Punjab Public Safety Act, 1949, as extended to the Delhi Province, banning its publication in the Province of Delhi for a period of three months from the date of the order.

DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE

The Government of India and the Government of Austria have decided to establish diplomatic relations at legation level, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Wednesday.

The Government of India have accredited Mr D B. Desai, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Switzerland concurrently as their Minister to Austria as well.

DISPLACED VILLAGE

Sillipather village near the Hirakud Dam site will be the first village to be displaced next week. Arrangements have been completed for the resettlement of the villages without any loss to them.

LICENSING CONTROL

Licensing control over the export of vegetable products will now be exercised by the Ministry of Commerce, it was announced on Wednesday by the Ministry of Commerce, says a New Delhi message.

'ARYAVARTA'

The U. P. C. C. at its second day meeting on Wednesday decided by an overwhelming majority that the United Provinces should be named as "Aryavarta"

CALCUTTA BAN GOES

The night time restrictions on assemblies, processions, etc., in the city and suburbs of Calcutta which had been in force since October 30 last, were withdrawn by the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, on Wednesday.

COCHIN AS ADVANCE BASE

Vice-Admiral Parry, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy disclosed in Ernakulem on Wednesday, that the Government of India were considering the possibility of making Cochin an advance base for operational purposes during wartime.

ARTIFICIAL EYES

British plastic surgeons have made it possible for artificial eyes to be controlled and moved quite naturally by normal muscular action, according to a report received in New Delhi.

NEW RADIO SET

A community radio set capable of receiving all medium and short wave broadcasting stations and costing Rs. 280 has been designed by the Radio Engineering Department of the Madras Government.

PHILIPPINE GESTURE TO INDONESIA

Million-Dollar Loan

SINGAPORE, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): The Philippine Government has granted an interest-free loan of 1,000,000 United States dollars to the Indonesian Republic, Dr. H. Laon, Indonesian Minister for Works, announced here today on his arrival from Manila.

Pacifist Meeting At Santiniketan

FOREIGN DELEGATES ARRIVE

CALCUTTA, Nov. 9 (PTI): Five delegates—three from Japan and two from China—to the coming World Pacifist Meeting at Santiniketan arrived here today from Hong Kong by boat. This is the first batch of sixty overseas delegates expected to attend the meeting.

Of the other expected notable arrivals is Mr. Garry Davis, who had fought in the last war, and recently declared himself a "world citizen" and surrendered his passport. He has since then applied for a U.N. passport.

About 32 countries are expected to be represented at the conference. The organisers, it is stated, tried their utmost to contact pacifists in the Soviet Union through the Indian Embassy at Moscow, but have so far failed. Dr. Radhakrishnan, Indian Ambassador, who is also Vice-President of the World Pacifist Meeting, has not, however, abandoned his search, it is understood.

Finland and Czechoslovakia are expected to be represented by two delegates and one respectively. An invitation had also been sent to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan of Pakistan who is now under detention. Pakistan is, however, expected to be represented by two prominent Hindus from East Bengal.

BACKGROUND

Giving a background history of the meeting, Mr. Horace Alexander, Chairman of the Organising Committee, told pressmen this afternoon that the idea was mooted as long back as 1945. But on the advice of Gandhiji the peace conference was postponed till after the attainment of India's independence, since the peace of India at that time depended on "foreign bayonets".

The pacifists attending the meeting at Santinekatan were expected to form into a world union of pacifists, Mr. Alexander hinted.

Giving a "preview" of the conference, Mr. Alexander said that the following subjects were expected to be discussed: Practical applications of pacifism and non-violence in everyday life, education for peace, pacifism and imperialism, race and colour problems and their solution, pacifist approach to world government.

INCOMPATIBLE

Later, answering a question Mr. Alexander said that from what he had known of the Communist philosophy he thought that pacifism and Communism could not go together. "Communism is more or less based on violence," he added.

To another question he replied that peace under the proposed world government would be maintained by an international police force and not by any army, navy or air force as at present. He also referred to international peace brigades, as suggested by Mahatma Gandhi, for educating man in the art of citizenship.

FIVE MAGISTRATES CENSURED

East Punjab Enquiry

SIMLA, Nov. 9 (UPI).—The Special Enquiry Agency, East Punjab, framed charges against five magistrates of the province, alleged to have indulged in mal-practices including misappropriation of evacuee property during the period immediately after partition.

The charges were enquired into by Messrs. Nawab Singh, I.C.S. and S. B. Kapoor, I.C.S. The Enquiry Commissioners, in consultation with the East Punjab Public Service Commission, were of the opinion that the major charges had not been established, but in view of other irregularities recommended a penalty of "censure" on two, reduction of two by one stage on their time-scale, and stoppage of increment of the fifth by one year.

The Government has accepted the recommendations, says a press note.

The Rationing Controller of Ferozepore, posted immediately after the partition, was also accused of having disposed of deteriorated Government stocks of wheat and rice at a low rate. He was, however, honourably acquitted as the allegations were not established.

GOLDSBORO, (NORTH CAROLINA), Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): Police and warders used tear gas and a fire hose to quell an attempted break from the State Negro Hospital for the Criminally Insane by 14 prisoners last night.

The Y.M.C.A. carnival of 1949 was declared open by Mrs. C. H. Timberlake on Wednesday morning. Photo shows the Mayor S. K. Patil and Mrs. Timberlake inspecting the stalls.

DRASTIC CUTS IN HEALTH BUDGET

Many Schemes Given Up

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9 (PTI).

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR, Health Minister, told pressmen here today that the Health Ministry's budget for 1949-50 had been cut down absolutely to the bone, as an economy measure.

On the capital side, she said the Health Ministry had contemplated an expenditure of about 45 lakhs. This had been reduced to 20 lakhs. On the revenue side, the budget had been cut down from two crores to one crore and 86 lakhs. Even the original amount of 2 crores was only two per cent of the whole budget, she added.

These cuts would affect adversely plans for primary health centres in the villages and hospital expansion and would hold up completely the scheme for starting an All-India Medical Institute in Delhi. The Ministry had also had to give up the five overseas scholarships budgeted for next year. She had originally wanted four primary health centres for India, now she would have to be content with two.

She however was glad that the Rockefeller Foundation (United States) had sanctioned ten overseas scholarships every year for Indian students from 1949 onwards.

BANE OF MARRIAGE

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur revealed that a proposal to convert the Lady Hardinge Medical College, now reserved for women into a co-educational institution was under consideration. She regretted that many of the girls educated in the college got married immediately after getting their degrees and as a consequence, their services were lost to the country.

One way of meeting this difficulty would be either to raise the marriageable age or to persuade them to practice even after marriage.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur wanted to make Delhi a model province as far as health was concerned. She also expressed her firm belief that all doctors in Government employ should be paid salaries commensurate with their qualifications and the service that they were rendering but private practice should be eliminated.

U.K. THE MODEL

The United Kingdom's health services were a model to be worked up to. At present India did not have the personnel to follow the U.K. example. The number of doctors in India was not even 50,000. While the number of T.B. patients in India was two and half million, there were not even 10,000 beds for them. India ought to build up her communications, so that village areas could be serviced by mobile dispensaries.

The Health Minister had no doubt the priority ought to be given to primary health centres (self-contained little hospitals in villages).

DECONTROL OF ARTICLES

Gujerat P. C. C.'s Move

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Nov. 9.

A special meeting of the Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee held under the presidentship of Mr. Kaniyalal Desai today passed a resolution appointing a committee for taking steps for the gradual decontrol of all articles in view of the growing discontent among the people of Gujerat.

Representatives from different districts submitted their grievances before the provincial body.

Another resolution passed by the Committee was on the linguistic provinces question. The G. P. C. C. accepted the three-man Committee's report.

QUIRINO NOT HOTLY FAVOURED

MANILA, Nov. 9, (PTI-Reuter): First unofficial returns in the Philippines elections today showed that the provinces were voting overwhelmingly for President Quirino who has held office since the death of President Manuel Roxas on April 17, 1948.

Manila city itself gave Jose Laurel, President of the Japanese-sponsored republic during the Japanese occupation, a 30,000 votes majority.

No official returns have been announced and it is thought here they will not be available for several days.

Mr. Apabhai G. Desai Passes Away

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Apabhai G. Desai, a retired Receiver and Liquidator of the Bombay High Court passed away last Monday at 7-30 p.m. at Deolali. Mr. Desai who was under treatment in the Deolali Cantonment Hospital died of blood pressure and haemorrhage at the age of fifty-four.

Smuggled Cloth Seized In Indore

INDORE, Nov. 9, (PTI): The customs and police authorities in a raid last last night seized Rs. 27,000 worth of smuggled foreign cloth, from a local mill.

The cloth, it was believed, was smuggled by motor truck from Bombay.

FILLIP TO Y. W. C. A.'S ACTIVITIES

Annual Carnival In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mrs. Claire H. Timberlake, wife of the U. S. Consul in Bombay(declared open today the 1949 Y.W.C.A. Carnival. The elite of the city was present at the function.

Charity bazars, entertainments, shooting galleries, archery and dancing formed the highlight of the carnival which is intended to further the Y.W.C.A.'s activities.

Total collections today are reported to be encouraging.

G.-G.'s Tour Of Assam And Orissa

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9, (PTI): The Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, will tour Assam and Orissa, leaving Delhi for Gauhati on the morning of November 26.

He will spend two days at Shillong and leave for Orissa on the 29th spending the afternoon of the 29th at Calcutta of the way.

He will reach Cuttack on the 30th noon and from there proceed to Puri where he will halt for three days.

The Governor-General will return to Delhi on the evening of December 4.

Draft Constitution Circulated

NEW DELHI, Nov. 9, (PTI): The Draft Constitution of India, as revised by the Drafting Committee and submitted earlier this month to the President, has been printed and circulated to the members, it is learnt.

The Constituent Assembly, which is meeting for its final sessions next week, would consider the Draft in the third reading stage and is expected to adopt it towards the end of the month.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

ARGUS writting his Delhi Diary in the EASTERN ECONOMIST on the Governor-General patronising the Turf, says that "racing has done no harm except to one person in a thousand." I should say that it is just the other way about. May be I am prejudiced because last week for the first time in my life I had a winner and more knowledgeable friends told me that the horse had not an earthly, and for the first time in my life I listened to friends. But in racing my opinion is as good as that of Argus, boast he never so much of his hundred eyes.

If I say that it is more correct to claim good to one person in a thousand from racing, I have a reason. The other day a teacher asked the children in her class to say what profession their fathers followed or how they earned a living. One little girl was very shy, as she stood up and said that her father made a thousand a month on the race-course. As you might have easily guessed, his income was made not in laying but in taking bets. The teacher was not inclined to pursue the subject further and, hoping desperately that the other kids would forget all about it, passed on to the next child.

But for everyone who follows the path of wisdom, there are, at a moderate count, some 999 who go the other way. P. T. Barnum who ought to have known, said that there is one born every minute. I am myself peculiarly placed to know the truth of this. On my left, is the gentleman who has so much "inside information" that you would think he will burst. And he is so obliging in sharing his information that we are all broke by the 5th of each racing month. Yet he persists and we persist, hoping that somewhere somewhen his luck will change. To my right is the colleague who is reticent about his losses and has no need to be reticent about his gains. In front sits the devotee of every sweepstake that ever was run. And right in this very spot am I. If our joint investments on the turf could be made over to the Government, there would be no need now for economy and austerity and it could even go a great way to finance Bombay's Prohibition programme. And—whisper it not in Babylon and tell it not in Gath —all this has been founded not on greed, cupidity or love of filthy lucre but by the most exalted of motives. We all hope when our horse romps in, to walk up to the Editor and tell him exactly what we think of him. I think that he too has a secret ambition for, I suspect, that he too is given to a flutter. But in the meantime. —yes, we too, like the nation and the government are passing through a heavy transition period—we are forced to eke out a miserabl existence, condemned to our desks—may be for life. And that is the greatest point in favour of the races. It might not make us a contended people but it keeps us where we are and gets the work done. What has baffled our collective wisdom is, why did RAJAJI go to the races?

IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF UNITED MAHARASHTRA

Tarapore Conference Demand

(FROM A CORRESPONDENNT)

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

DETERMINATION to achieve United Maharashtra inclusive of Bombay City, was voiced in the Thana District United Maharashtra Conference, which met at Tarapore on November 5 and 6. Mr. Bhaussaheb Hire, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, presided.

When the proceedings started the pandal was full with a congregation of 3000 people including 400 delegates from all over the district. A good number of women also attended. Some Adivasis were also present among the audiences.

The co-operation of Muslims and Parsis in the Reception Committee of the Conference, can be noted as a feature.

A devoted and ardent congressman like Sjt. Parasharampant Churi, Chairman of the Reception Committee is said to have advocated even resort to such means as Satyagraha in order to achieve the goal of United Maharashtra inclusive of Bombay City.

PEACEFUL ACTION

Senapati Bapat in his inaugural address assured that the movement of United Maharashtra was peaceful and loyal to the country. But as it seems that "our goal cannot be achieved otherwise, we must take recourse to peaceful action" he appealed.

Bhaussaheb Hire in his presidential speech, expressed firm faith in the goal of United Maharashtra (inclusive of Bombay City) and advised the audience to work patiently so that every Maharashtrian should be imbued with the idea. "Maharashtra without Bombay cannot be thought of" he asserted.

If the speech of Sjt. Hire be taken as an indication, then it may be said that the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, which meets on 10th of November, will not accept a (truncated?) Maharashtra Province, as offered by he Congress Working Committee in its resolution passed on October 5.

A number of leaders including Sjt. Haribhau Patasakar, a member of the Constituent Assembly, Sjt. S. S. Navare, editor of "Prabhat", Dr. Kovadkar from Karwar, Ladjee Pendse Y. K. Sohoni, organiser of Samyukt Maharashtra Parishad, and Dr. Naravne, member of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, addressed the conference on different resolutions.

The first resolution stated that the contiguous territory of Marathi speaking people from Belgaum and Karwar to Nagpur and Bnandara should be welded into a separate province called United Maharashtra.

Another resolution stated that the language of the talukas of Bassein, Palghar, Dahanu and Umbergaon was Marathi and these talukas were part of Maharashtra.

The Conference demanded that the Hyderabad State should be merged into the Indian Union, and its three linguistic areas should be immediately separated to join them to their neighbours of their respective languages.

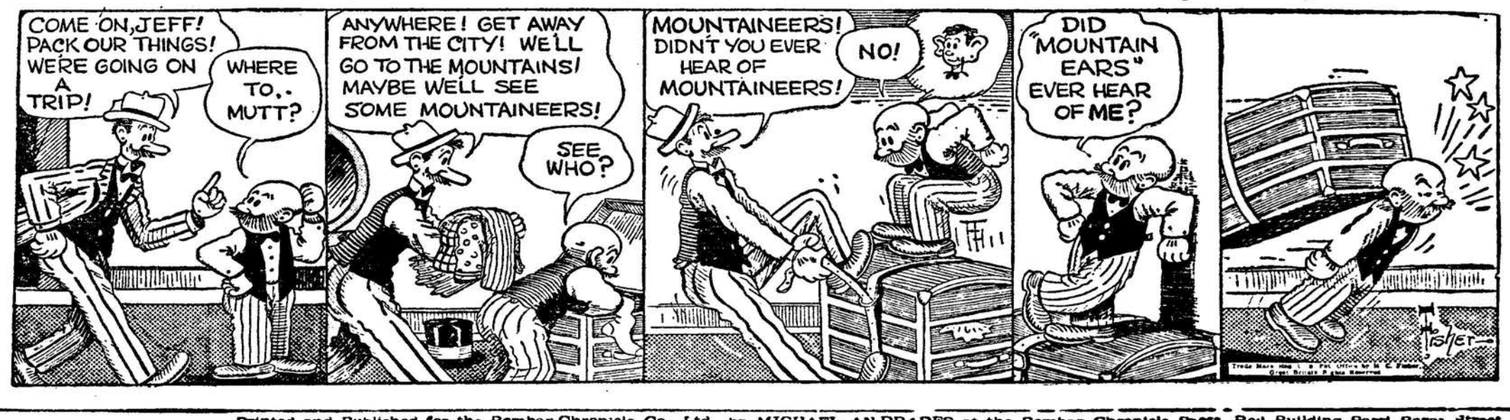
PROGRAMME OF ACTION?

A resolution demanding of the executive Committee of the Samyukta Maharashtra Parishad that some sort of Pragramme of action be formulated in order to achieve the desired goal of United Maharashtra.

Speaking on a resolution Sjt. S. S. Navare, editor of "Prabhat", said that the word 'immediate' was to be emphasized. 'our demand should be immediately fulfilled' he said.

People speaking languages other than Marathi and residing in the areas of United Maharashtra were assured by a resolution that their interests would not suffer on that account.

MUTT AND JEFF—Certainly Jeff's From West Virginia Not The Rockies — By BUD FISHER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SEE WHO?
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NO!
DID "MOUNTAIN EARS" EVER HEAR OF ME?
BUD FISHER

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